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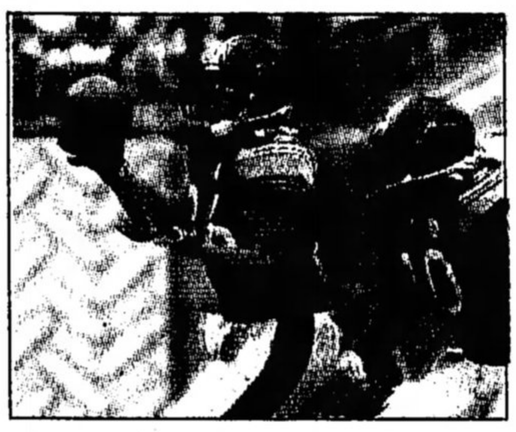

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WAM slam? Stay tuned

There is none set aside in the budget, but many believe money is there.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – A notable victim of this year's recession-driven budget cuts is supposedly the tens of millions of tax dollars that legislative leaders have long controlled through a secretive process to underwrite lawmakers' favored causes.

But the secrecy that has always cloaked the taxpayer-financed grants is also fueling skepticism about whether legislative leaders have truly relinquished their power to funnel funds back home for hospitals, water and sewer authorities, civic and cultural organizations, clubs, schools, and police and fire departments.

"Let's wait just a few months and we'll have plenty to see, particularly as we approach the primary election and general election of 2010," said Matthew Brouillette, president and CEO of the Commonwealth Foundation, a group that advocates fiscal conservatism in state government.

Pennsylvania's legislative grants – known colloquially as "WAMs," for walking-around money – have existed in one form or another for a couple of decades, built around the concept of providing the Legislature with a pot of money to spend as it sees fit.

Gov. Ed Rendell's Oct. 9 signature on the main appropriations bill in the 2009-10 budget came 101 days past the start of the fiscal year as the politically divided

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Obama awaiting health care bill

The president wants a public option but will not press the matter.

By STEVEN R. HURST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The White House is waiting for Congress to settle on a final health care bill, even though President Barack Obama has a clear preference in favor of at least one specific – the much-debated public option, advisers said.

Obama, however, will not demand that legislation include a government-run insurance plan intended to drive down costs through competition with private insurers, they said.

Instead, the White House will let Congress work out the details required to get something passed.

"There will be compromise. There will be legislation, and it will achieve our goals: helping people who have insurance get more security, more accountability for the insurance industry, helping people who don't have insurance get insurance they can afford, and lowering the overall cost of the system," presidential adviser David Axelrod said.

The White House and lawmakers are trying to blend five House and Senate committee versions of health care reform legislation into a bill that will pass both houses. Near unanimous Republican opposition is expected.

The bill approved last week by the Senate Finance Committee drew the only Republican vote yet cast with Democrats on the health care overhaul. Even then, Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, did not commit to supporting the final version of the legislation.

House Democrats are insisting on the government-run plan, or public option. In the Senate, Republicans and some Democrats oppose the measure, meaning inclusion of the public option would foreclose winning the 60 votes needed to advance a bill. Some in the Senate strongly support inclusion of the public option.

Obama "will obviously weigh in when it's important to weigh in" on the possibility of a public option, chief of staff Rahm Emanuel said. Added Obama senior adviser Valerie Jarrett: "He's not demanding that it's in there.

"He think it's the best possible choice."

The president promoted his health care initiative Saturday in his weekly radio and online address and challenged policy makers to resist special interests. He accused the insurance industry of "filling the airwaves with deceptive and dishonest ads."

The industry also has been running an ad that could easily be interpreted as asserting that basic Medicare coverage is at risk.

HOMECOMING BOOGIE

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Alumni ambassadors Leandra Hickman, left, and Ashley Foyle, dance in the alumni tent at a tailgate party before the California University of Pennsylvania homecoming game Saturday. ***For more images, see Page 10A.***

Stimulus data tough to track on Web site

One critic claims simplicity is an important part of transparency.

By MIKE CRONIN
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Watchdog organizations say it's still hard to find data on a Web site the Obama administration developed to track spending from Congress' $787 billion stimulus package, even after a Maryland company was hired for $18 million to improve it.

The Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board, which operates Recovery.gov, posted stimulus spending reports by federal agencies for the first time last week.

But the data are riddled with omissions and inaccuracies, said Craig Jennings, a senior fiscal analyst with OMB Watch, a nonprofit watchdog organization in Washington.

"The Web site falls a bit short of giving good data," Jennings said, while praising the Obama administration's overall effort to account for stimulus spending. "It's an impediment to transparency in that sense."

Earl Devaney, chairman of the recovery board, said he was excited about the data release, but not surprised errors exist.

"This gives people a chance to look at what they gave us and make corrections if they have to," Devaney said.

Devaney said he and his team chose to publish about $16 billion in contracts awarded by federal agencies because he wanted to hold them to a higher standard. The data show that the money created or saved 30,383 jobs and that about $2.2 billion has been spent so far nationwide.

Recovery.gov's report shows Pennsylvania is to get about $9 billion overall, with about $39.2 million received as of Oct. 10. So far, the state's portion has generated 221 federal agency contracts totaling about $2 billion and creating 495.2 jobs, the Web site says.

In response to critics, Devaney said the upgrades by Smartronix last month made the Web site more nimble, so changes could be made more easily.

"It's not set in concrete," he said. "Tomorrow it will be better than today."

Yet Devaney conceded the recovery board still must determine how to present information on the Web site so it's helpful to sophisticated users and not too complicated for others.

> "This gives people a chance to look at what they gave us and make corrections if they have to."
> EARL DEVANEY, RECOVERY BOARD

The problem is many people have been "completely bewildered" in trying to find data on Recovery.gov, Jennings said.

"Part of transparency is simplicity," said Steve Ellis, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, a nonprofit

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Fire truck comedy fundraiser set

The New Eagle Volunteer Fire Department lost a truck in the Vocelli blaze.

By JEFF OLIVER
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NEW EAGLE – When a devastating fire struck Vocelli's Pizza in Monongahela Sept. 6, two buildings in the city were not the only losses.

In the process of battling the blaze, the New Eagle Volunteer Fire Department lost its ladder truck.

The ladder collapsed with a firefighter aboard during the early morning blaze. While there were no injuries, the ladder truck was rendered useless.

The firefighter survived with just minor bruises, but the truck was not as lucky.

And replacing a ladder truck worth approximately $700,000 is no easy feat. But, the New Eagle VFD is embarking on a long journey to raise the money needed to do that.

"We had insurance on it, but we were very underinsured," fire department President Chas Fine said.

"We applied for federal grants, and if we get them we should be able to raise enough money to replace the ladder truck in a year or two. Without those grants, who knows?"

On Oct. 24, the fire department will sponsor a comedy show at its social hall at 156 Chess St.

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watchdog organization in Washington. "Just putting information out isn't transparency.

"In their defense, they have a voluminous amount of data that can be sliced in many ways," Ellis said.

The money spent by recovery board officials improved the site – particularly the maps, said Michael Balsam, who directs strategy and products for Onvia, a Seattle-based company that runs a separate stimulus-tracking site, Recovery.org.

Some consumer advocates and government officials say Onvia's site does a better job of listing bid-ready federally funded projects that government entities are advertising or awarding nationwide.

Balsam and others acknowledged that last week's release of data was a test run for the recovery board. The big date is Oct. 30, when data on $200 billion of grants and loans might be released, Balsam said.

"Now they have to amp up the comprehensiveness of data," Balsam said. "Could the layman ever make any sense of this? Clearly, that's what the intent is. But the more data they put on the site, the harder it's going be."

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Yesteryear

The 1957-58 basketball team at Fallowfield Township Junior High School comprised, front row from left, Lou Riley, Jack Peters, Rich Carcella, Tommy Burgess, Bob Gottheld, Jack Tedrow and Charlie Hart; second row, Coach John Shelapinsky, Jim Vandermer, Rudy Zemko, Sam Johnson, Bartley Meikle, Tom Stablein, Gary Carson, Willie Horner and Principal Harry Carson; third row, Victor Brutout, Carl Menego, John Latchem, Denver Byron.

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Comedy (FROM PAGE ONE)

Produced by SFC Comedy Productions, the show will feature four Pittsburgh-area comedians.

Frank Grazulis, one of the performers, said he is excited about being part of a fundraiser important not only to the fire department but to the many people whose lives could be affected by a new ladder truck.

"This is the beginning of a very long process for the fire department to raise money, but you have to start somewhere," Grazulis said.

"We're really pleased to be a part of the fundraising. We've done these kind of shows throughout the Pittsburgh area, and they usually go over really well."

Grazulis, of North Versailles, started his comedy career by using what he learned by watching his idols, Bill Cosby, Benny Hill, Flip Wilson, Robin Williams, George Carlin and Richard Pryor.

Described as a gifted writer with natural stage presence, Grazulis has performed in clubs, cafes, banquet halls, basements, fire halls and frat houses.

The other comedians on the card are Matt Jones, of Etna; Bob Poland, of the South Hills; and Chris Ciardi, of Pittsburgh.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. event are $10.

For advance tickets, call (724) 350-1763.

Slam (FROM PAGE ONE)

Legislature struggled over how to resolve state government's multibillion-dollar shortfall.

Both the Democratic governor and top legislators insist that the budget contains no grant money set aside for legislators' pet projects. House Majority Leader Todd Eachus, D-Luzerne, said he broke the news to top municipal officials in his district in a recent meeting.

However, Rendell's top aides and top legislators have repeatedly refused to reveal how much grant money was tucked into the 2008-09 budget. That number that remains the subject of much speculation.

"It's hard for me to believe that they would go from somewhere from between $200 million to $800 million down to zero," said Barry Kauffman, the executive director of the citizen advocacy group Common Cause Pennsylvania.

State Rep. Peter J. Daley, D-California, said his ability to provide smaller grants for the communities he serves will be impacted though the loss of WAMs.

Daley, however, said the loss was a necessary cutback.

"I don't think it's a substantial portion of what all of the legislators do. There are a lot of other projects we work on," he said. "I think it's something that could be sacrificed. We've known it was a problem from the very beginning of the budget. When the economy first took a spin, everybody said one of the things that needed to go was the WAMs."

Daley said he is focused on finding ways to replace the money that will be lost.

"I've been very successful in bringing millions of dollars of WAMs back to the district," he said. "I have some very big projects in the Mon Valley that are contingent on us getting some initiative grant money to help them.

"But, we in Washington County have something that we're working on with the gaming money, the fair share money. We're working on a proposal that each municipality would get a minimum of $25,000, which almost offsets the WAMs. That's a way of supplementing it."

State Rep. R. Ted Harhai, D-Monessen, said losing the pool of money would hurt service organizations and smaller community groups that benefit more from the pull long-time legislators have.

"I think as you get more seniority, sometimes you're able to get more money," Harhai said. "I think it's going to be detrimental to some of these smaller groups that rely on it; a lot of the military groups.

"It's a decent part of what we do in getting money out to these groups that don't have any other funding. In some cases, it saves them."

Harhai said it has been beneficial to have a flexible funding source that can be spread to many communities.

"I've used WAM money to finish small water and sewer projects, for municipalities and providing money for police revolvers and cars," he said. "It's very helpful in a lot of cases for just some smaller things, for libraries especially. I've helped school bands to purchase equipment and different athletic departments within a school district. One year, I received over $100,000 and dispersed it equally to 23 fire departments. To some of the smaller fire departments, it was a lifesaver."

Harhai said competing for other grants will become more difficult, although it is too early to tell how the change will affect his district.

"Is there anything to supplement it? I don't know of anything yet," he said. "That was one of the things about cutting the budget that was going to be tough. Now were in damage control mode.

"Just that little bit of money; that goes a long way. Its' not life or death, but it's certainly helped a lot of ways. But, that's the way it's going to be."

State Sen. J. Barry Stout, D-Bentleyville, believes WAMs are dead in the new state budget.

He said any pockets of money for grants and loans are solely distributed on a competitive bases – and based on need, not politics.

"It is not improper for a legislator to advocate to a state agency on behalf of a project in his district if he knows that the project is needed and that the community cannot afford to fund it," Stout said. "That's what we're elected to do."

The ranking member of the senate transportation committee, he often advocates the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for road or bridge improvements.

He noted, for example, that he advocated for PennDOT to pay for a retaining wall along Route 837 in Donora. That $2 million project as unveiled in ribbon-cutting ceremonies Friday.

Never-before-released records obtained by the AP through requests filed under the new state Right-to-Know Law showed that legislators lodged special grant requests totaling more than $180 million since July 1, 2008 – more than $700,000 on average for each of Pennsylvania's 253 lawmakers.

That figure is expected to rise.

Aides to Rendell said they expect more special grant requests from legislators to arrive shortly, because the administration withheld some discretionary money allocated in the 2008-09 budget during the lengthy budget stalemate. Some if not all, remains available to pay for legislative grant requests, administration officials said.

As of last week, more than $100 million in taxpayer money set aside for legislators' grant requests was still sitting in state accounts, according to officials from the departments of Community and Economic Development, Environmental Protection, Health and Public Welfare. Some, but not all, of the money is pledged to certain grant requests, they said.

An AP analysis of the grant requests in the last half of 2008 – when 228 of 253 legislative seats were filled by voters – found that some counties that are home to top legislators were targeted to receive disproportionately more legislative grant money.

In every budget negotiated in recent years, the amount of money that the Legislature receives is a topic of heavy discussion behind closed doors. Legislative leaders who sit in on those negotiations do not tell rank-and-file lawmakers how much grant money is available, or who gets what.

In the days leading up to the agreement that ended the stalemate last week, top House Democrats declared their opposition to the inclusion of any legislative grant money in the 2009-10 budget, and they accused top Senate budget negotiators of cutting a side deal with Rendell to set aside $12 million for grants.

Republicans denied the accusation, and an Oct. 7 letter from Rendell declaring that he would not tolerate such a thing assuaged the concerns of House Democrats – but not those of citizen advocates.

"I'm suspicious of any line item that got an increase," said Tim Potts, co-founder of Democracy Rising PA, a Harrisburg-based citizen advocacy group.

Valley briefs

6 hurt in crash in Rostraver Twp.

Five children and one adult male were taken to hospitals after a one-vehicle crash Sunday on Interstate 70 in Rostraver Township, state police said.

Michael Levkulich, 28, of North Charleroi, lost control of a 2002 Chevy Venture minivan about 10:55 a.m. and struck four concrete barriers when he tried to merge onto I-70 west at the North Belle Vernon ramp, according to Trooper Anthony Vito.

Vito said Levkulich lost control when he was forced to accelerate quickly because of traffic coming from behind, Vito said.

Emergency crews had to cut the majority of the vehicle's driver side away to extricate the man and the children, Vito said.

Police said Alicia Jeffries, 10, and Gabriel Levkulich, 3, were flown by helicopter to UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Carley Erinweine, 7, Adam Bly, 9, and Noah Levkulich, 5, were transported by ambulance to Monongahela Valley Hospital.

Michael Levkulich was transported by helicopter to Allegheny General Hospital with a back injury, Vito said.

"None of the injuries were major. The medical transport was more precautionary than anything," Vito said.

Construction to close road

A section of Railroad Street in Jacobs Creek, South Huntingdon, will be closed Oct. 26 at 7 a.m. through Oct. 30 at 5 p.m.

The closure will allow CSX Corp. crews to remove and replace the existing crossing surface.

Motorists are urged to use Route 981, Stahl Road and Jacobs Creek Road.

Judge to hear assessment case

An Allegheny County judge today was scheduled to hear arguments on when and how the county will reassess the value of all its real estate.

Judge R. Stanton Wettick Jr. was to hear from lawyers representing the county and residents who sued over the county's property valuation system.

Wettick's decision will set in motion a reassessment that most likely will affect all 570,000 property owners in the county.

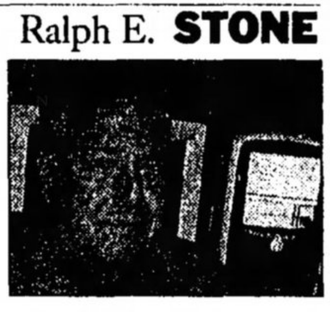
The state Supreme Court in April ordered officials to conduct a revaluation, saying the county's base-year property assessment system violates provisions of the Pennsylvania Constitu-

Associated Press

Two whitetail deer nuzzle each other as they graze in the woods outside Zelienople on Saturday. According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, the state's archery hunting season for deer started on Oct. 3 and continues through Nov. 14. Hunting season using firearms starts on Nov. 30, and runs through Dec. 12.

Football reigns in fall in our Mid-Mon Valley

Ralph E. **STONE**



Last week's column dealt with the Mid-Mon Valley's love affair with high school football.

We're expanding that attraction to the pigskin today to include our local colleges and, most certainly, our beloved Black and Gold - the Pittsburgh Steelers.

There is probably no better place to begin our claim that college football has a huge impact in making the sport the Valley Gem that it is than to travel a few miles up our river to California University of Pennsylvania.

Cal U plays a huge role in making our Valley a more attractive place to live and its gridiron contributions are a definite part of that luster.

For the past several years the Vulcan gridders and their outstanding coaching staff, led by John Luckhardt, have raised their performance standards to the elite level of division II football.

Make no mistake: If you consider yourself a fan of the sport and you have not yet traveled up stream to watch the Vulcans in their quest for a national crown, you are missing out on a genuine football treat.

Not only do the Vulcans offer a strong display of talented players, but the excitement of the college environment that surrounds the recently remodeled Adamson Stadium makes any visit there a joy to behold.

My own personal history of following Vulcan football goes back to September of 1951, when I enrolled there as a freshman. That year's team grabbed my interest quickly as I witnessed the acrobatic catches of receivers Mitch Bailey and Jack Yoder, the break-away runs of Elwood City's Duke O'Hara and Don Mains from Perryopolis, the vicious blocks thrown by blocking back Fran Herron and the stalwart offensive and defensive line play of players such as Steve Tselepis, Joe Barcelona, Fred Fleming, John Minerd, Andy Kuzemka, Bear Pollack, B. Capozzoli, Dick Neidemyer, Clifford Paige, and John Mazneri.

But the main attraction on that team came through the combination of speed plus power in the bruising runs of fullback Elmo Natali.

As I watched Natali perform on those Saturday afternoons at Cal, I rolled the clock back seven years to the time I had been a sixth grade student at Monessen's Iowa Elementary School. Elmo was my idol then, as he ran up and down my favorite stadium on Rostraver Street in Monessen.

As a freshman in college, I was once again in awe of Natali's abilities.

Running out of the single wing formation, it was often a cloud of dust and another five or six yards as Elmo made his way toward pay dirt.

That Vulcan team, coached by Ted Nemeth and assisted by Andy Sepsi, went on to a one loss regular season, as their only defeat (13-6) came at the hands of arch rival Indiana.

Nevertheless, the once-beaten Vulcans were invited to their first ever bowl appearance as they traveled on a DC-3 jet to the Pythian Bowl in North Carolina, where they met a strong Lenoir Ryne eleven.

With the help of some questionable "homer" officiating, the home town favorites defeated our Vulcans, 13-7.

I thank Charleroi's Joe Barcelona, one of the several stalwart offensive linemen on that team, for much of this information.

Joe also gave me a human interest story relating to that bowl game at North Carolina.

Back in 1951 racial discrimination was still a prevailing way of life in our southern states. The 1951 edition of Vulcan football had one African-American - Clifford Paige, of Pittsburgh.

Paige played an important role as a defensive end in Cal's punishing defensive alignment

Although there was no question concerning Paige playing in the collegiate contest, he was not permitted to room in the same motel with his white team members. Instead, he was boarded in a black section of the community.

Joe still regrets that nothing was done to prevent this. He says that if

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Valley review

A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a look at the top news happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon Valley:

Swine flu hits schools - Add Charleroi Area and Frazier to the list of Mid-Mon Valley school districts to be hit with swine flu-like illnesses this school year.

While that was reported during the past week, the Monessen School District earlier this month reported a case of Type A Influenza, which is being treated as the swine flu, at the elementary center.

In September, the Ringgold Middle School experienced high absenteeism due to cases of swine flu.

Szakal wants new trial - The attorney representing a Webster man convicted of robbing and killing a Carroll Township couple is seeking a new trial, claiming a juror was coerced into convicting his client.

Gerald Szakal was convicted Oct. 1 of robbing and fatally shooting retired Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer, and his wife, retired teacher Nancy Springer, March 4, 2008, in their home at 1241 Highland Road.

His attorney, Noah Geary, filed a motion seeking to have the verdict set aside and that Szakal be given a new trial, it was learned last week.

In the motion filed in Washington County Court, Geary contends juror Everett Miller contacted his office the morning after the verdict was handed down to say he "felt forced and coerced into voting guilty on the second-degree murder counts and that he had repeatedly told the other jurors that he was voting not guilty on these counts. He further informed that at least two other jurors were firm that the defendant was not guilty of second-degree murder."

A hearing will be scheduled on the matter.

Plant recalls workers - Production at the Flexsys America plant in Carroll Township, idled since June, will resume by early November, the company announced Wednesday.

All employees will be re-called, company spokes-woman Melissa Hammond said.

"Demand for Crystex in-soluble sulfur has improved significantly since the first quarter of 2009," said Greta Senn, vice president of Crystex for Solutia.

Solutia - the parent company of Flexsys - is the world's leading producer of chemicals for the rubber and tire industry.

Flexsys America is the world's leading supplier of chemicals to the rubber industry.

The plant's products play an essential role in the manufacturing of tires and other rubber products, such as belts, hoses, seals and footwear.

The company had announced in mid-April its plans to shutdown the plant, temporarily laying off all but a handful of employees by June.

New name for bridge? - State Sen. J. Barry Stout, D-Bentleyville, last week introduced a bill to rename the Donora-Monessen Bridge as the Stan Musial Bridge.

Donora Mayor John Lignelli asked Stout, the ranking member of the senate transportation committee, to introduce the bill to honor Musial.

Lignelli said Musial is "one of the greatest baseball players of all time,"

A graduate of Donora High School, Musial had 3,630 hits in a 22-year career from 1941 to 1963. That total was the National League record until it was broken in 1981 by Pete Rose.

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

BYRON — Esther Byron, 92, of Monessen, on Saturday, Oct. 17. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

CHILD — Bradley J. Child, 58, of Belle Vernon, on Saturday, Oct. 17. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

MENTZER — Linda Lee Mentzer, 65, of Monongahela, on Saturday, Oct. 17. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

MYERS — Timothy Myers, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), on Sunday, Oct. 18. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

SEALS — Sophia Seals, of Jefferson Township, N.J., on Monday, Oct. 12. Bermingham Funeral Home, Wharton, N.J.*

TORRANCE — Karen O. Torrance, 51, of Perryopolis, on Saturday, Oct. 17. Blair-Lowther Funeral Home Inc., Perryopolis.*

*** See death notice**

Esther Byron

Monessen

Esther Byron, 92, of Monessen, passed away Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, in Hallsworth House III. She was born July 5, 1917, in Donora, a daughter of the late Hubert and Mary Short Blanker She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church of Donora and Eastern Star No. 205 of Monessen. Surviving are two daughters, Rochelle and husband James Hileman of Belle Vernon, and Penelope and husband Ronald Rizzuto of Monessen; grandchildren, Laurel Seroka, Jamie and Jime Butz, Scott and Darcey Hileman, David and Kim Hileman, Tom and Shawna Smith; great-grandchildren, Ryan Peck, Heather Miller, Brett Seroka, Jonathan Hileman, Justin Hileman, Deanna Hileman, Scotlan Hileman, Jacob Hileman, Tiffany Hepple, and Zachary Hepple; great-great-grandchildren, Marcus, T.J., and Riley Miller. She was preceded in death by her husband, James H. Byron; a daughter, Mildren Jean Byron; and a brother, Hubert Joseph Blanker. Friends will be received on Tuesday from 1 to 3 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Boulevard, Monessen. A blessing service will be held in the funeral home on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., followed by funeral services at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Donora. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Bradley J. Child

Belle Vernon

Bradley Jack Child, 58, of Belle Vernon, died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, in UPMC Mercy Hospital. He was born on May 21, 1951, the son of Jack Child and Mollie Harbison Child, of Riverdale, Utah. Bradley was the general manager of Pennsylvania Electric Coil in Glassport. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints in Monongahela. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Belt) Child; two sons, Targhee Jack Child, of Clinton, Utah, and Gabel Brad Child, of Monongahela; two daughters, Rieneke Child Holman, of Kaysville, Utah, and Marijke Child Schnopp, of Belle Vernon; eight grandchildren; brother, Curtis Lester Child, of Sacramento, Calif.; and a sister, Tracie Kelson, of Roy, Utah. Friends will be received from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township, 724-929-7934, www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. Additional visitation will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at which time a funeral service will be conducted by Brother Scott Frederick in the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints in Monongahela. Interment will be held Friday in Hooper City Cemetery in Hooper, Utah. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted by the Child family.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Linda Lee Mentzer

Monongahela

Linda Lee Mentzer, 65, of Monongahela, died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, in the Monongahela Valley Hospital. She was born Oct. 22, 1943, in New Eagle, a daughter of the late Clarence and Irene Mae Seiple Keenan. Linda was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Monongahela and a former member of its choir. She enjoyed cooking, playing cards and spending time at the Monongahela Senior Center. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Raymond Mentzer; two daughters, Liz Mentzer of Munhall, Ray Anne Mentzer of Carroll Township; a son, Terry Mentzer, at home; grandchildren, Lily Ann and Jonathan Michael Mentzer; and several nieces. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, June E. Gault and Dorothy Fields; and a brother, Bud Keenan. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 W. Main St., Monongahela, where services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Michael Milinovich officiating. Committal services and interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Monongahela. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 430 W. Main Street, Monongahela, PA,15063. To leave an online condolence, visit www.fryefuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Timothy Myers

Rostraver Township

Timothy Myers, 64, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, at 12:59 p.m. in Mon Valley Hospital. Visitation will be on Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, Family Owned and Operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon. (724) 929-6183. A complete obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Sophia Seals

Jefferson Twp., N.J.

Sophia Seals, of Jefferson Township, N.J., loving wife, mother and daughter to Charles and Mary Yetsconish, passed away after a short illness on Oct. 12, 2009, in Andover, N.J. She was born Dec. 2, 1918, and grew up in Fayette City, working at Picatinny Arsenal, where she met her husband Ronald. She is survived by her husband Ronald and only son Charles. Her wishes were for a simple burial at Tranquility Cemetery, Allamuchy, N.J. at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Karen O. Torrance

Perryopolis

Karen O. Torrance, 51, of Perryopolis, passed away Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009. She was born Feb. 3, 1958, in Charleroi, a daughter of Melva O. Shipley Clingerman and the late William R. Clingerman. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Monessen and the Perryopolis Sokol Club. In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Jeffrey Torrance; a son, Jeremy Elbin of Artemas, Pa.; two sisters, Ruth N. Pirlo and Eileen Gulish and husband Mike, both of Layton; and two nieces, Kimberly and Lacie Wingrove. Friends will be received in the BLAIR-LOWTHER FUNERAL HOME INC., 305 Rear Independence St., Perryopolis, on Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m., the hour of service, with the Rev. Conrad Auel officiating. Interment will be private.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

White House says stimulus money still kicking in

Senior adviser said the government needs to let the recovery bill do its job.

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is considering all options to create jobs, including another stimulus package, while trying to pull the economy out of a deep recession and deal with a record deficit, White House advisers said Sunday.

With more than half of the $787 billion recovery package yet to be spent, Obama aides said the administration is not ready to commit to additional measures.

"Everything is on the table," senior adviser Valerie Jarrett said.

"You've got this huge national deficit and we've got to do what we can to bring that down. At the same time, it's important to stimulate the economy," Jarrett said. "Let's wait and see. Let's let the recovery bill do its job."

Unemployment stands at 9.8 percent, with more than 4 million jobs lost this year. The deficit has reached $1.4 trillion and the national debt $11.9 trillion.

Adviser David Axelrod cited progress on reviving the economy, with expectations for growth in the third quarter this year. But he warned that the government should not make the mistake of ending its recovery initiatives too early at the risk of sending the economy back into recession.

"That doesn't mean that we don't look to the mid- and long-term for deficit reduction," Axelrod said. "We have a stimulus program in place, an economic recovery program in place, that is not even 50 percent through. We have to see that through. And we'll see what other measures we need to take."

In appearances on the Sunday news programs, the advisers criticized those Wall Street firms that are paying huge amounts in compensation and benefits after accepting taxpayer assistance.

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>
> Valerie Jarrett

Goldman Sachs, for example, has said it has set aside $16.7 billion for compensation so far this year, more than $500,000 per employee. Citigroup is paying $5.3 billion in bonuses to its employees and Bank of America $3.3 billion.

"I think the American people have a right to be frustrated and angry," said Rahm Emanuel, the White House chief of staff.

Emanuel and the chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., said the compensation issue comes as banks and other financial institutions oppose efforts by the president and Congress to put in place regulations designed to prevent the kind of financial meltdown that began last year.

"They have a responsibility to the whole system," Emanuel said. "And it starts with not fighting the financial regulatory system and the reforms that are necessary to protect consumers, homeowners and others."

Dodd criticized banks for failing to make more credit available to small businesses and others.

"When you see these bonuses being paid out, it's a source of outrage in the country, and it should be. What are these people thinking about at these companies?" he said.

POLICE LOG

R.E.S.A.

■ Police are investigating a robbery Sunday afternoon at Spee-D Food Mart.

Police said a female cashier reported a white male, about 6-feet tall wearing white tennis shoes, blue jeans, a long, white T-shirt and blue hooded sweatshirt, came into the store around 4:30 p.m. He had his hood over his head.

She told police the man jumped over the counter, and tried to open the cash register. When he couldn't, he demanded the cashier open it, at which time he grabbed a handful of cash, closed the register and jumped back over the counter.

Police said the cashier believed the man had a weapon because he had his hand in his pocket, but she did not see one.

Police believe the man may have had an accomplice. A witness said a small, red car was seen at the store, but it's not clear how the suspect fled the scene. Anyone with information on the incident is asked to call police at (724) 938-7773.

Monessen

■ John Farmer, 46, of Youngwood, was picked up on active bench warrants 3:40 p.m. Friday at 1037 Knox Ave. and was transported to the Westmoreland County Jail, police said.

■ David Sala, 47, of 100 Thompson Ave., Donora, was charged with DUI and driving while under suspension 10:37 p.m. Saturday in the 500 block of Schoonmaker Avenue, police said.

State police, Belle Vernon

■ Police are investigating an incident in which someone passed a forged $20 bill at the Honey Bear Store, 3091 Pittsburgh Road, Star Junction, during the hours of 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Oct. 12.

■ Someone knocked over a large carved ornamental bear statue and damaged a wooden railing at Sampay Park, Perryopolis, between the hours of 6:30 p.m. Oct. 13 and 10 a.m. Oct. 14, police said..

■ Michael Shultz, 29, of Richeyville, was charged with public drunkenness at 5 a.m. Friday after he allegedly caused a disturbance among his neighbors on Spring Street in Centerville, police said.

■ Police have charged a 16-year-old juvenile from Finleyville with theft from a motor vehicle 4:27 p.m. Oct. 13 after he allegedly took a Panasonic car stereo from a vehicle owned by Sabrina Atkinson, 20, of Finleyville.

■ Patty Jo Krzywicki, 39, of Finleyville, reported at 8:02 p.m. Oct. 13 that someone removed a pile of scrap metal from her front yard without her permission.

■ Jason Valence, 39, of Coal Center, and Corissa Engle, no age given, of Roscoe, were each charged with DUI as a result of an investigation into an accident involving their vehicles at 1:30 a.m. Thursday on Route 88 near the Allenport mill, police said.

■ Police are investigating an incident of criminal mischief in which someone cut two billboards on Interstate 70 in South Huntingdon Township owned by Affordable Sanitation, of Smithton, from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 14.

In Loving Memory

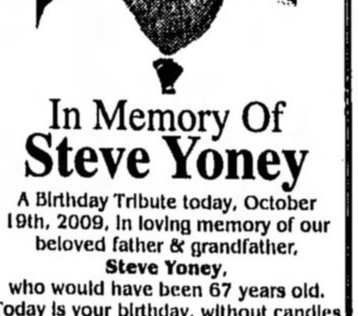
Ralph Iacoboni

Oct. 4, 1951 - Sept. 28 2009

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun, or happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair, perhaps you sent a floral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you sent a gift of food or let us use your car, perhaps it was a call you made from nearby or afar. Perhaps you spoke the kindest word as any friend could say, perhaps you were not there at all or just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

Family of Ralph Iacoboni



In Memory Of
Steve Yoney

A Birthday Tribute today, October 19th, 2009, in loving memory of our beloved father & grandfather, **Steve Yoney**, who would have been 67 years old. Today is your birthday, without candles and cake, and since you're not with us, we won't celebrate. On a sad day like this, there is not much to say, but ask God to honor you in His own way. And grant us one wish and make it come true, to have His choir of Angels sing "Happy Birthday" to you.

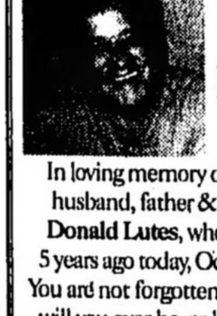
Sadly missed and loved by Carol, his children Steve, Dennis, Gail, Sherry and Amy and his grandchildren Gordie, Ashley, Erica, Alysse and Gabby.

In Memory Of
Sharan Williams Kinney

A Birthday Tribute today, October 19, in loving memory of our beloved mother, grandmother & daughter, **Sharan Williams Kinney**, who would have been 58 years old.

Every day in some way memories of you come our way. Though absent you are always near, still loved, still missed & ever dear. Beautiful memories are wonderful things, they last through the longest day. They never wear out, they never get lost, and can never be given away. Though by some you may be forgotten, and to others a part of the past, but for us who loved and lost you, your memory will always last.

Sadly missed and loved by daughter Dana & her husband Dan, grandsons Caden & Weston & Mom & Dad.



In Memory of
Donald Lutes

In loving memory of our beloved husband, father & grandfather, **Donald Lutes**, who passed away 5 years ago today, October 19, 2004. You are not forgotten, loved one, nor will you ever be, as long as life and memory last we shall remember thee. We miss you now, our hearts are sore, as time goes on we miss you more. Your loving smile, your gentle face, no one can fill your vacant place.

Sadly missed and loved by wife, Thelma, children, Debbie & Will, Donnie Jr. & Beth and granddaughters, Nicole & Natalie

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TODAY in HISTORY

Today is Monday, Oct. 19, the 292nd day of 2009. There are 73 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Oct. 19, 1781, British troops under General Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Va., as the American Revolution neared its end.

On this date:

■ In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, drew up a declaration of rights and liberties.

■ In 1812, French forces under Napoleon Bonaparte began their retreat from Moscow.

■ In 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Va.; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.

■ In 1951, President Harry S. Truman signed an act formally ending the state of war with Germany.

■ In 1959, the William Gibson play "The Miracle Worker," starring Patty Duke as Helen Keller and Anne Bancroft as Helen's teacher, Annie Sullivan, opened on Broadway.

■ In 1960, President Dwight D. Eisenhower imposed an embargo on exports to Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products.

■ In 1967, the U.S. space probe Mariner 5 flew past Venus.

■ In 1977, the supersonic Concorde made its first landing in New York City.

■ In 1987, the stock market crashed as the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points, or 22.6 percent in value.

■ In 1994, 22 people were killed as a terrorist bomb shattered a bus in the heart of Tel Aviv's shopping district. Entertainer Martha Raye died in Los Angeles at age 78.

■ **Ten years ago**: Legislation to overhaul the nation's campaign finance laws fell to a filibuster by Senate Republicans for the fourth straight year.

■ **Five years ago**: Insurgents in Iraq abducted Margaret Hassan, the local director of CARE International, from her car in Baghdad. (Hassan is believed to have been slain by her captors a month later; her body has never been found.) Thirteen people were killed when a Corporate Airlines commuter turboprop crashed in northeast Missouri.

■ **One year ago**: Retired Gen. Colin Powell, a Republican who was President George W. Bush's first secretary of state, broke with the party and endorsed Democrat Barack Obama for president, calling him a "transformational figure" during an appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Associated Press

Soldiers from the U.S., Italy and Afghanistan inspect ammunition found during a joint search operation of NATO and Afghan forces in Gozara district of Herat, province west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday.

Obama casts doubt on Afghan reliability

Developing an effective Afghan central government remains an issue.

By ROBERT BURNS
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will not commit more U.S. troops to Afghanistan until he is convinced that the central government can be a credible and effective U.S. partner, a senior White House aide said Sunday.

But it was unclear whether Obama intends to accept the recommendation by the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, for thousands more American troops and other resources in the 8-year-struggle to stabilize Afghanistan.

The central question before Obama, chief of staff Rahm Emanuel said, is "not how much troops you have, but whether in fact there's an Afghan partner."

The issue of developing an effective Afghan central government has dogged the U.S. mission virtually from the war's start after the attacks against the U.S. on Sept. 11, 2001. It gained new urgency after an Aug. 20 presidential election marred by charges of ballot-stuffing and voter coercion.

An election fraud investigation could lead to a runoff election between President Hamid Karzai and his top challenger, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah.

A second round of balloting would have to be held before winter, which traditionally begins in mid-November. Once heavy snows block mountain passes, thereby limiting voter access to polling places, a runoff would have to wait until spring, leaving the country in political limbo for months as the Taliban gains strength.

Adding to the uncertainty is the prospect of Karzai's not accepting an outcome requiring a runoff.

"For the moment we are worried ... because it seems that not everybody is ready to accept the results," French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner told reporters Sunday in Kabul, the Afghan capital. "They must accept the results."

The weakness of the Afghan government has undermined the U.S. and NATO military mission in several respects. It has created disillusionment among ordinary Afghans who then turn to the Taliban militants for security and other services. That has been an important factor in the Taliban's resurgence over the past four years.

In Sunday talk show interviews, Emanuel did not answer directly when asked whether Obama would wait for a final election outcome before deciding U.S. troop levels in Afghanistan. He repeatedly underlined doubts about the Kabul government as a reliable partner for the U.S.

"There's not a security force, an army, the type of services that are important for the Afghans to become true partners," Emanuel said.

"It would be reckless to make a decision on U.S. troop level if, in fact, you haven't done a thorough analysis of whether, in fact, there's an Afghan partner ready to fill that space that the U.S. troops would create and become a true partner in governing."

Gates seeking allies' help on war

Pentagon chief is asking for continued contributions.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon's chief is undertaking the tricky task of trying to persuade allies to remain committed to the war in Afghanistan even as the Obama administration debates whether to send more troops to fight.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates is undecided – at least publicly – on whether to order more forces to fight the Taliban in Afghanistan, as his top commander there has requested, or to focus more narrowly on al-Qaida terrorists believed to be hiding in Pakistan.

Gates departed Sunday on a weeklong mission to Japan, Korea and Slovakia – in part to ask NATO partners and Asian allies for continued contributions to a war now in its ninth year.

Perhaps mindful of asking others for help amid the U.S. indecision, Gates isn't only seeking military aid.

"A lot of the very valuable contributions in Afghanistan are on the development and the training, with the police and other aspects of civil life," a senior defense official at the Pentagon said last week on condition of anonymity to discuss Gates' travels more candidly.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Medical marijuana guidelines change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal drug agents won't pursue pot-smoking patients or their sanctioned suppliers in states that allow medical marijuana, under new legal guidelines to be issued today by the Obama administration.

Two Justice Department officials described the new policy to The Associated Press, saying prosecutors will be told it is not a good use of their time to arrest people who use or provide medical marijuana in strict compliance with state law.

The guidelines to be issued by the department do, however, make it clear that agents will go after people whose marijuana distribution goes beyond what is permitted under state law or use medical marijuana as a cover for other crimes, the officials said.

Burris wants public option

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Democrats determined to get a health care bill, Sen. Roland Burris is like the house guest who couldn't be refused, won't soon be leaving and poses a plausible threat of ruining holiday dinner.

Suddenly, he can no longer be ignored.

The Illinois Democrat, appointed by disgraced former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, says he'll only vote for a bill to provide health care to millions more Americans as long as it allows the government to sell insurance in competition with private insurers.

And he says he won't compromise.

"I would not support a bill that does not have a public option," Burris, 72, said. "That position will not change."

Diocese files for bankruptcy

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Delaware's Catholic Diocese of Wilmington filed for federal bankruptcy protection on Sunday night, on the eve of a civil trial in a high-profile sex abuse case against the diocese and a former priest.

The bankruptcy filing automatically delays the case in Kent County Superior Court, the first of eight consecutive abuse trials scheduled in Delaware.

"This is a painful decision, one that I had hoped and prayed I would never have to make," said the Rev. W. Francis Malooly, the bishop of the diocese, on the diocese's Web site.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player hits 'Cash 5' jackpot

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $225,000.

Lottery officials said 47 players matched four numbers and won $387.50 each; 1,873 players matched three numbers and won $16 each; and 24,936 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	2-2-2
NIGHT PICK 3:	9-1-5
DAY PICK BIG 4:	8-6-5-4
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	2-2-9-2
QUINTO:	6-8-7-4-3
QUINTO:	9-1-1-7-9
TREASURE HUNT:	1-6-17-20-27
CASH 5:	6-12-30-34-37
POWERBALL:	5-16-25-30-29
Powerball:	39 Powerplay: 5

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

DAY/NIGHT PICK 3:	6-5-2 1-8-3
DAY PICK BIG 4:	4-4-3-8
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	5-7-8-5
QUINTO:	7-7-4-6-7
QUINTO:	0-5-7-5-9
TREASURE HUNT:	11-13-14-19-25
CASH 5:	26-29-34-35-43

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 2009

DAY PICK 3:	0-7-7
NIGHT PICK 3:	8-5-0
DAY PICK 4:	5-7-0-5
NIGHT PICK 4:	1-5-4-9
ROLLING CASH 5:	2-3-6-20-31
CLASSIC LOTTO:	5-6-13-20-45-46

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

DAILY 3:	9-1-0
DAILY 4:	6-2-7-9
HOT LOTTO:	14-27-30-38-39 HB 9

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OUR OPINION

More tolls aren't the answer

IT'S NOT A REVENUE problem that compounds Pennsylvania's highway-funding headaches. It's a spending problem that will only grow worse if the state gets the green light to erect tolls on Interstate 80.

Critics of the resuscitated toll plan have returned to a fight that pits the interests of rural areas that would incur the tolls against the cities that would reap rewards.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has argued that truckers and other travelers on I-80 are getting a free ride. Not so, says Tracy C. Miller, a Grove City College economics professor who studied the issue.

Truckers and other I-80 motorists pay $130 million annually in fuel taxes and fees, he notes, far more than the $80 million that the state spends to maintain the highway.

The Turnpike Commission, under Act 44, wants to make I-80 a cash cow for all manner of state transportation and mass-transit funding without examining better efficiencies. Never mind the federal stipulation that reserves those revenues for the highways that are tolled.

There'll be more studies in this ongoing debate. With regard to curbing the state's transportation costs, here's one to consider: Why does Pennsylvania need a Department of Transportation and a Turnpike Commission, whose primary purpose is its self-perpetuation and fiscal aggrandizement?

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

ANOTHER VIEW

The Star-Ledger, Newark, N.J., on credit card fees:

When it comes to credit card swipe fees, Americans are getting Third World treatment.

U.S. consumers and businesses pay markedly higher charges than those in other developed nations when it comes to purchasing with plastic, according to a report by the Merchants Payment Coalition. ...

Every time a consumer uses credit, roughly 2 percent to 3 percent of the charge goes to banks or other payment networks, which set the fees at rates that often vary from country to country. American swipe fees are double those in the United Kingdom and New Zealand, and four times those in Australia, the merchants contend.

The beauty part for the credit card issuer is that it scores twice — once in a transaction fee it gets from the merchant and again with an interest charge to the customer. In 2008, those charges produced an estimated $48 billion for American banks, an average of $427 per household, the merchant coalition claims.

The swipe fees per transaction are small but have almost tripled in amount over the last decade. ...

Lawmakers, including Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., have introduced legislation that would impose more restrictions on such fees.

That's a good start, but it's not enough. The bills are stuck in committee. They deserve a better treatment, as do the merchants and consumers burdened by these too-high charges.

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Laws of the universe

Rich **LOWRY**

If only the laws of the universe didn't make it impossible to conjure something out of nothing. In a magical world free of such encumbrances, Democrats would be spared the bother of hiding the inevitable costs of ObamaCare.

The latest gambit of Democrats in both the Senate and House is to take roughly $250 billion out of health-care reform — for Medicare payments to doctors — and spend it in a separate bill. This instantly makes ObamaCare appear cheaper, although its impact on the federal budget will be precisely the same. This isn't even competent three-card monte. It's the logic of the spendthrift who has maxed out on his Visa and MasterCard, but thinks it's frugal to put a new $6,000 Samsung 65-inch LCD flat-screen TV on his American Express card instead.

Every year, Medicare payments to physicians are supposed to fall. Congress always temporarily defers the cut. The House version of ObamaCare deferred it for 10 years, a reason it had so much red ink. The Baucus bill deferred it for only the first year (at a cost of $10.7 billion), then pretended Congress would subsequently cut doctor payments a drastic 25 percent. Without this otherworldly assumption, the Baucus bill would increase the deficit by roughly $150 billion over 10 years.

That violates the Obama pledge not to increase the deficit for health care by one dime by 1.5 trillion dimes. So Democrats plan to spend the dimes elsewhere. Problem solved. In this Orwellian spirit, The Associated Press reports that the separate measure will free up another $10.7 billion in the Baucus bill, "money that could then be spent on other priorities."

Why stop there? If all the subsidies and other costs are removed and passed separately from the Baucus bill, it becomes a $900 billion deficit-reduction measure, and ObamaCare can be advertised as the world's most affordable entitlement.

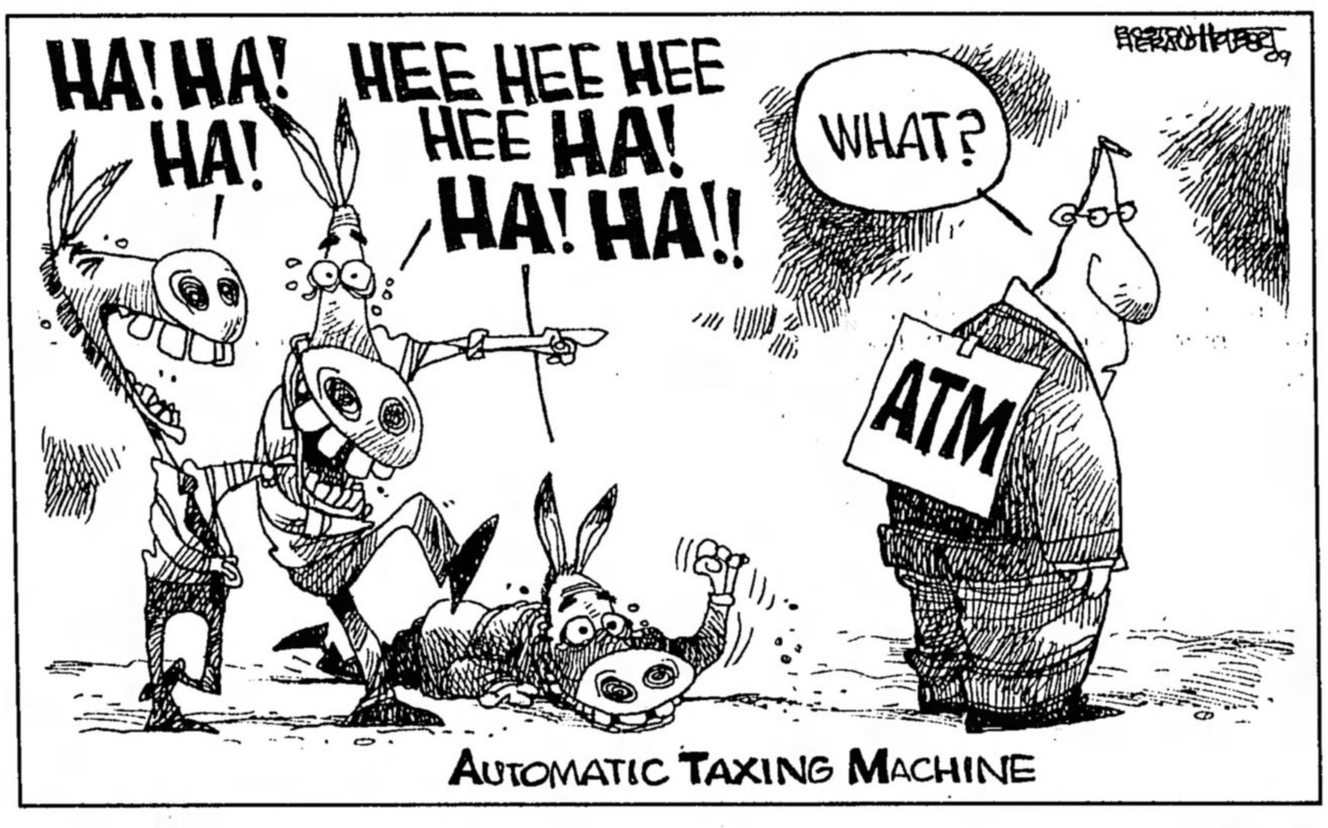
The intractable truth is that getting millions of new people health insurance is not costless. New insurance regulations intended to benefit the sick and uninsured will increase premiums for everyone else. Supporters of the Baucus plan implicitly respond, "Well, yes, that's why the bill has subsidies." But the subsidies are tightly limited to keep from exploding the deficit.

If the subsidies go up, the new taxes will have to go up. And those are already causing a revolt on the left. In a revelatory moment, the unions argue that a tax on insurance companies offering high-priced "Cadillac" insurance plans will be passed along to consumers and hit the middle class. In this, they embrace a long-standing conservative argument that corporations don't pay taxes, their customers do. Perhaps for the first time ever, the head of the AFL-CIO thinks Milton Friedman has a point.

The Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that 87 percent of the tax would fall on Americans making less than $200,000 a year. Other Baucus taxes on drug companies and device-makers will be similarly passed along. The No. 2 Democrat in the Senate, Dick Durbin, says the insurance tax will have to be reduced. He told the AP that will cost money, "adding that he did not know where it would come from." That could be ObamaCare's motto.

This is the choice: Either premiums for middle-class people go up with limited compensating subsidies, or subsidies are funded with even more hidden middle-class taxes, or — most likely — some noxious combination of both.

Any of these choices is wrong politically. Democrats must, then, deny there's a cost to most people and hide it however they can. At the same time they attempt to stuff a massive new entitlement inside the politically necessary constraint of a deficit-neutral price tag of less than $1 trillion. They are like the movers who can't fit the couch through the door frame and keep backing it up and trying it a different way.



Obama's unrestrained FBI

Nat **HENTOFF**

In the last weeks of the Bush-Cheney administration, FBI Director Robert Mueller and then Attorney General Michael Mukasey rushed into law such unbounded expansions of the FBI's domestic surveillance powers that I was stunned. Years ago, I had often and critically reported on J. Edgar Hoover's ravenous invasions of Americans' personal privacy rights, including mine; but these new FBI guidelines, taking effect last Dec. 1, are unsparingly un-American.

As described by the Electronic Frontier Foundation, an ever-watchful guardian of the Constitution, these Attorney General's Guidelines for Domestic FBI Operations authorize the FBI — without going to a court — "to open investigative 'assessments' of any American without any factual predicate or suspicion. Such 'assessments' allow the use of intrusive techniques to surreptitiously collect information on people suspected of no wrongdoing and no connection with any foreign entity. These inquiries may include the collection of information from online sources and commercial databases."

FBI agents, moreover, as I have previously reported, can infiltrate lawful civic and political groups, along with religious places of worship, and may take into account, in their threat "assessments" race, ethnicity and religion. The press has largely been uninterested in this suspension of the Bill of Rights — but we know a lot about David Letterman.

President Obama has expressed no objections to these radical revisions of the Constitution, a founding document he used to educate students about at the University of Chicago.

His attorney general, Eric Holder, said calmly during his Senate confirmation hearing: "The guidelines are necessary because the FBI is changing its mission ... from a pure investigating agency to one that deals with national security."

It was the same Eric Holder who said, while George W. Bush was president: "I never thought that I would see the day when a president would act in direct defiance of federal law by authorizing warrantless NSA (National Security Agency) surveillance of American citizens."

But then senator, and now president, Barack Obama approves of the all-seeing NSA — in keeping with his lack of interest in reforming the perilous health of our founding values as they are being systematically infected by the FBI.

It was only on Sept. 29 that we citizen civilians were able to actually, though partially, look inside the 258-page "FBI Domestic Investigations and Operations Guidelines (DIOG)." For months, the Electronic Frontier Foundation had been trying, through the Freedom of Information Act, to find out if we'll have any privacy left. At last, the lurking report came heavily censored.

According to the Associated Press (Oct. 1), Electronic Frontier Foundation attorney David Sobel is "more concerned with what the FBI removed from its guidelines for public consumption than what it disclosed."

He added that this heavily "edited version blacked out descriptions of how the FBI pursues investigative 'assessments' of Americans without any evidence of wrongdoing — and how it uses informants in political, civil and religious organizations."

To be sort of safe, watch what you say on your phone or the Internet, or to the person sitting next to you during the Sunday church service.

As Sobel says in patriotic frustration: "The critical parts of the guidelines are being withheld, so it's impossible for anyone to make any informed comment on what the FBI is doing."

I ask again: Is this America? (Full disclosure: That's the title of a new book I'm working on that tries to show how we can regain an Americanism we can believe in.)

The Electronic Frontier Foundation is going back to court to get the Obama administration to remember why we — and they — are Americans. That should also be the job of Obama's secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, who has been given millions of our tax dollars to create and sustain real, durable reforms in public schools around the nation.

If Duncan is going to bring back civics classes (left behind under No Child Left Behind), he should get a prime-time TV spot to show Holder and the FBI's Mueller instructing future voters — and current ones looking in — on how they square the Fourth Amendment, the First Amendment and the separation of powers with their FBI guidelines that could have been an appendix to George Orwell's "1984."

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JOHN K. TENER LIBRARY

The John K. Tener Library has received the following:

Rose Butera

"The One Hundred - A Guide to the Pieces Every Stylish Woman Must Own," by Nina Garcia, presented by Fran and Joe Frye and Margie and Stan Pankiewicz.

Jacinta Calderazzo

"Real Life - Preparing for the Seven Most Challenging Days of Your Life," by Dr. Phil McGraw, presented by Ed Paluso.

"Marley & Me," by John Grogan, presented by Ed Paluso.

Lena Cardinale

"American Price, a Memoir," by Tony Curtis, presented by Bonnie Matyas.

"Love Your Life," by Victoria Osteen, presented by Josie Iacovangelo.

Dana Carney

"The Last Days of the Romanovs," by Helen Rappaport, presented by Robert and Donna Horan.

Marie H. Cherocci

"The Pied Piper's Magic," by Steven Kellogg, presented by Joe and Terri Uhlman.

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"Breaking Dawn," by Stephanie Meyer, presented by Anna Palcic.

Dr. William, Cunningham

"Frank Lloyd Wright - The Buildings – Photographs," by Alan Weintraub, and "Test", by Alan Hess, presented by Helen Zilka, Bette Sentinek and July Plavko.

Rose Danilchak

"Old Bear," by Kevin Henkes, and "Gingerbread Friends," by Jan Brett.

Louise Davis

"The Lonely Firefly," by Erie Carle; "Rome 1960," by David Maraniss; "The Downhill Lie - A Hacker's Return to a Ruinous Sport," by Carl Hiaasen; "How to Really Stink at Golf," by Jeff Foxworthy; presented by B.J. Thomas.

"The Oxford Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes," presented by Nancy and Chuck Barcelona.

"The Brook Book", by Jim Arnosky, presented by Nancy and Chuck Barcelona.

"Little Women," "Little Men," and "Jo's Boys," all by Louisa May Alcott, presented by Ken and Rhonda Karnow.

"The Secret Life of Walter Kitty" by Barbara Jean Hicks; "Awful Ogre Running Wild," by Jack Prelutsky; and "The Story of Philosophy," by Bryan Magee, presented by Pittsburgh Regional Minority Purchasing Council.

"When I'm Big," by Sam McBratney, presented by James and Neville Vasko.

"The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini, presented by Jose M. Iacovangelo.

"The Earth - As You Have Never Seen It Before," presented by Elaine Wilson.

"The Golf Handbook for Women - The Complete Guide to Improving Your Game," by Vivien Saunders presented by Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith.

Louis Defelices

"Coaching Youth Football," presented by Jac Warfield and Christine Tyburski.

Edward Dera

"SunFlower House," by Eve Bunting, "Van Gogh and the Sunflowers," by Laurence Anholt, and "Life Cycles - The Sunflower" by David M. Schwartz, presented by friends and neighbors.

"The Rut," by Ron Spomer, presented by Art, Paul and Gerald Strelick.

Frank DiPiazza III

"Eagles, Our Wild World Series," by Laura Evert, presented by Charleroi Borough Council.

Willie DuBarr

"Rupert Red Two - A Fighter Pilot's Life," by Jack Broughton, presented by Joe Walker - Mon Valley Chapter 388 Air Force Association.

Madelene Encapera

"Martha Stewart Cooking School," presented by Janice and Harry Peppel and Marlene and Larry P. Celaschi.

Gladys Falise

"Be Glad Your Nose Is On Your Face," by Jack Prelutsky with a CD with poems and activities, presented by Mary Lou Mudrick and Eleanor Sable.

Alfred Ferrari

"Ultimate Beer Book," by Michael Jackson, presented by state Rep. Ted Harhai.

"The National Road," by Clarence Carvell, presented by Claudia Martucci.

Stella Cooper Graves

"Anne of Green Gables," ,CD, and "Anne of Avonlea," CD, presented by Dolores Harper and the Cooper family.

Herbert Goaziou Jr.

"Chasing Darkness," by Robert Crais, CD, presented by Charleroi Lions Club.

Edith Grant

"The 19th Wife," by David Ebershott, and "A Cedar Cove Christmas," by Debbie Macomber, presented by Frank and Cynthia Frascatore.

William J. Granus

"Mary Poppins," by P.L. Travers, presented by Elaine and Rupe Martinko.

Mary A. Hajduk

"Southern Living Cookbook," by Oxmoor House, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ron Vandermer.

Rene Holtzinger

"American Lion - Andrew Jackson in the White House," by John Meacham, presented by Mark Alterici and Beth McFeely.

Bill Hopkins

"American Rifle," by Alexander Rose, presented by Charleroi CDC.

"Hot, Flat and Crowded," by Thomas L. Friedman, presented by the Charthene Club.

Yvonne Bonnie Jenkins

"The Secret History of Giants," by Ari Berk and "Boom Chicka Rock," by John Archambault, presented by Ronna Montgomery.

George Kichinko

"Largemouth Bass - Tournament Tested Patters," presented by Allen, Ronnie and Mike Ritchey.

John Kostelac

"Dewey - The Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World," by Vicki Myron, presented by Jeffrey and Ray Ciferno.

Donald Lensky

"US Navy WWI Veteran - Word War II - A Visual Encyclopedia," presented by Norma Lensky.

Donald Lessman

"Woodworking Basic - Mastering the Essentials of Craftmanship," by Peter Korn, presented by Francis "Bud" Hudock.

Jesse Marish

"Twilight," by Stephanie Meyer, presented by Anna Palcic.

Evelyn Rogers McCune

"UnCommon - Finding Your Path to Significance," by Tony Dungy, presented by Cathleen Bragdon and Karen Funk.

"Crocheting School - A Complete Course," presented by Joe and Sondra, Wayne and Lind and Adam and Claudia.

"Quiet Strength - Tony Dungy," CD.

William McDuffie

"AVI," presented by the Craven Hill Card Club.

Scott (Scottie) Meilke

"500 Deer Hunting Tips," by Bill Vaznis, presented by Larry and Marlene Celaschi.

Jean Melenyzer

"The Complete Barbecue Cookbook," presented by Doris Spesak.

Richard C. Mollenauer

"Silent Thunder," by Iris Johansen, CD, presented by the Charleroi Lions Club.

Helen Nelson

"The Oprah Magazine Cookbook," presented by Wilma Wellens, Dary and family.

"Fix-It and Forget-It Big Cookbook - 1,400 Best Slow Cooker Recipes," by Phyllis Pellman Good, presented by Kathy Hodgson, George and Frank Hotochin, Jackie Zelenski and Billie Neil.

Wilma Matthews Nogy

"Low-Fat Low-Cholesterol Cookbook," presented by Joanne Bruno.

Arthur Paluso

"Extreme Measures," by Vince Flynn; "The Goliath Bone," by Mickey Spillane; "Fisherman's Bend," by Linda Greenlaw; "Black Ops," by W.E.B. Griffin.

Elaine Paluso

"When You Are Engulfed in Flames," by David Sedaris, presented by Trudee Yount.

"John Adams," DVD, presented by John and Karen Mollenauer.

"Say Goodbye" by Lisa Gardner, CDs presented by Jan and Sam Latchen.

"Buffalo Music," by Tracey E. Fern and Velva Gratch and "The Way Cool Butterfly," by Alan Madison and Kevin Hawkes, presented by Dr. Eugene F. Paluso and family.

"Alfred and Emily," by Doris Lessing, presented by Bill and Lorena Feevey.

"Nefertiti," by Michele Moran, presented by Emily Checchi.

"Promises, Promises," by Annie Bryant, presented by Bernadette M. and Richard V. Senter.

"Joy of Scrapbooking," by Lisa Bearson, presented by the Charthene Club.

"Faberge Eggs," by Toby Faber, "1,000 Gluten-Free Recipe,s" by Carol Fenster; "The Berenstain Bears' Really Big Pet Show," by Jan and Mike Berenstain; and "Come Back Cat," by Joan L. Nodset, presented by Ed and Blanche Paluso.

"The Pillsbury Bake-Off Cookbook," presented by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Paluso.

"The Vatican - Secrets and Treasures of the Holy City," by the Rev. Michael Collins, presented by Janet and Judith Forsythe.

Louis C. Partzana

"Images of America - Early Coal Mining in the Anthracite Region," by John Stuart Richards, presented by Joyce and Ron Danko.

Virginia Pfile

"In Defense of Food - An Eater's Manifesto," by Michael Pollard, presented by John and Karen Mollenauer.

"Encyclopedia of American Cars."

Dr. Arthur Paluso

"Tribute," by Nora Roberts, CD, presented by Mon Valley Health and Welfare Authority.

Howard Paluso

"Killing for Coal - America's Deadlist Labor Wars," by Thomas G. Andrews.

Joshua Plymire

"New Moon," by Stephanie Meyer, presented by Anna Palcic.

Jennifer Poskon

"Quick and Easy Home Sewing Projects," presented by Tracy L. Day.

Margaret Raisbeck

"Leonardo's Universe – The Renaissance World of Leonardo da Vinci" by Bulent Atalay and Keith Wamsley, presented by Pete and Patty Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ramicone

"The Great Wall Revisited - From the Jade Gate to Old Dragon's Head," by William Lindesay, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jameson.

James J. Ramicone

"The Steel Wave," by Jeff Sharra, presented by Charleroi Save-A-Lot employees.

Ernest D. Razum

"Your Favorite Dr. Seuss - A Baker's Dozen by the One and Only Dr. Seuss," presented by Joe and Terri Uhlman.

Rosemary Ross

"Degas and the Little Dancer," and "The Magic Garden of Claude Monet," by Laurence Anholt, presented by Mon Valley Retirees' Bowling League.

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Virginia Rusak

"25 Years of Favorite Name Brand Recipes," presented by Nardis Martinez.

"Just Breathe," by Susan Wiggs, presented by Bill Poroda.

Agnes E. Schivley

"You Can Do It! a Merit Badge book for Grown-up Girls," by Lauren Catuzzi Grandcolas, presented by Jerry B. and Nancy R. Polen.

Vera Schivley

"Superstitions - 1,013 of the Wackiest, Myths, Fables and Old Wives' Tales," compiled by Deborah Murrell," presented by the Athene Club.

Jeremy Sokora

"Eclipse," by Stephanie Meyer, presented by Anna Palcic.

Charles "Chuck" Sungala

"The American Journey of Barack Obama," by Life Magazine, presented by Janice and Harry Peppel and Marlene and Larry P. Celaschi.

George and Sis Theys

"The DC Comics Encyclopedia - The Definitive Guide to the Characters of the DC Universe," presented by Karen Abraham.

Bertha Tinhasky

"Florence Nightingale - The Making of an Icon" by Mark Bostridge, presented by the Friends and Neighbors of Bertha Tinhasky.

Michael Troyan

"The Shack," by William P. Young, CD, presented by Dolores Harper.

Betty H. Verno

"The Widow's Broom," by Chris Van Allsburg, presented by Bonnie Matyas.

Clarence W. Younkin Jr.

"Woodworking for Dummies," presented by Mary Jane Gallagher.

Robert Zelenski

"Night of Thunder - A Bob Lee Swagger Novel," by Stephen Hunter, presented by the Slavic Club.

Credit Troubles: Every three minutes another person falls behind on credit card payments.

Credit card debt?

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JIM CANNON
CGA STAFF WRITER

Every three minutes another person falls behind on credit card debt. It's no wonder, since every major credit card company has nearly doubled the minimum monthly payment on consumers' bills.

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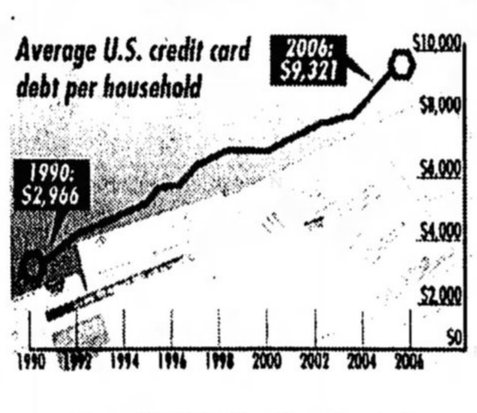

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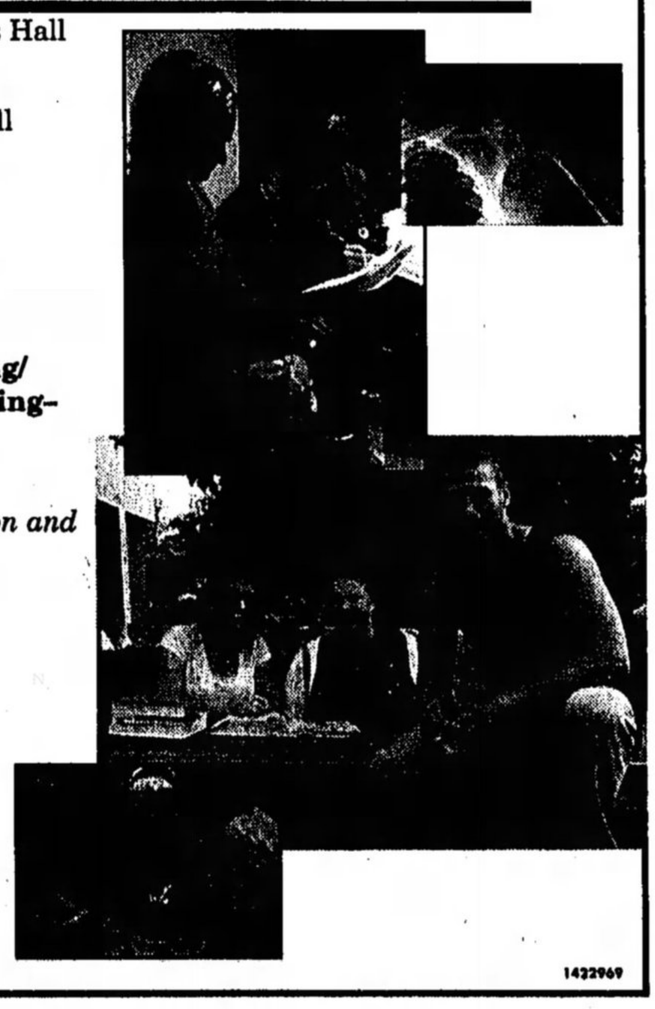

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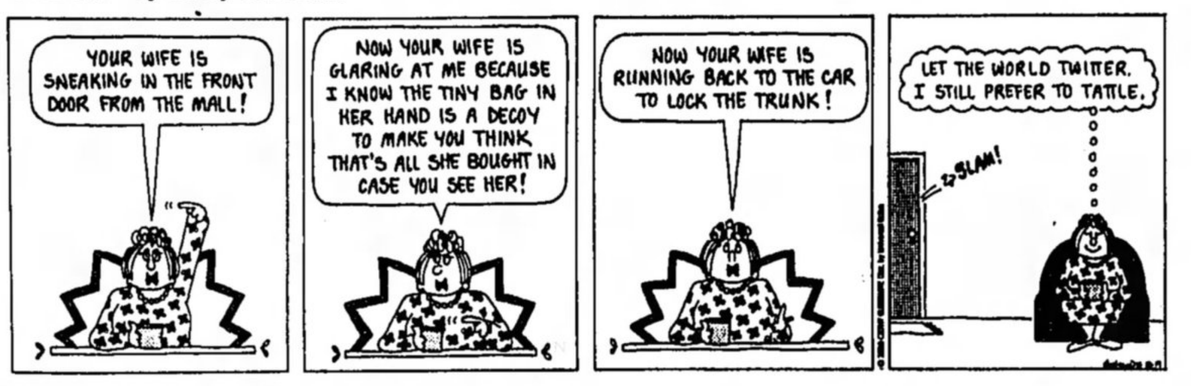
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SLAM!

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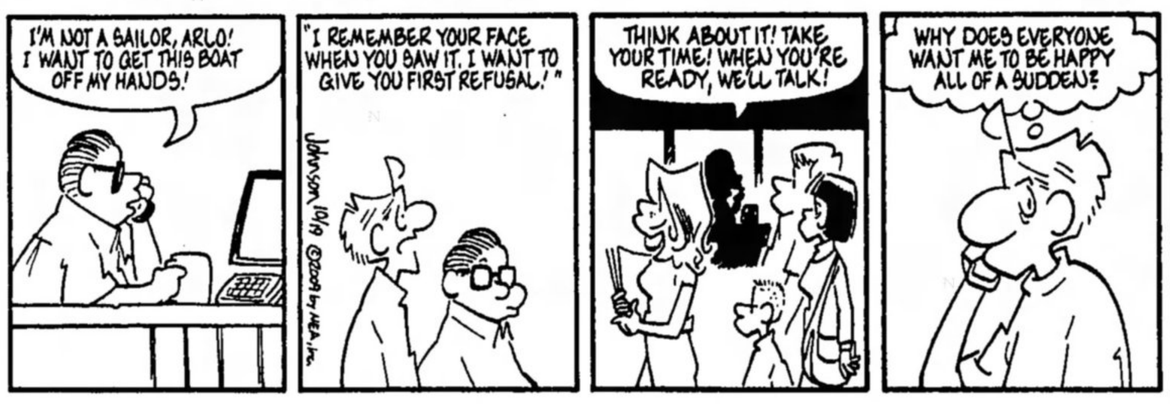
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THINK ABOUT IT! TAKE YOUR TIME! WHEN YOU'RE READY, WE'LL TALK!
WHY DOES EVERYONE WANT ME TO BE HAPPY ALL OF A SUDDEN?!

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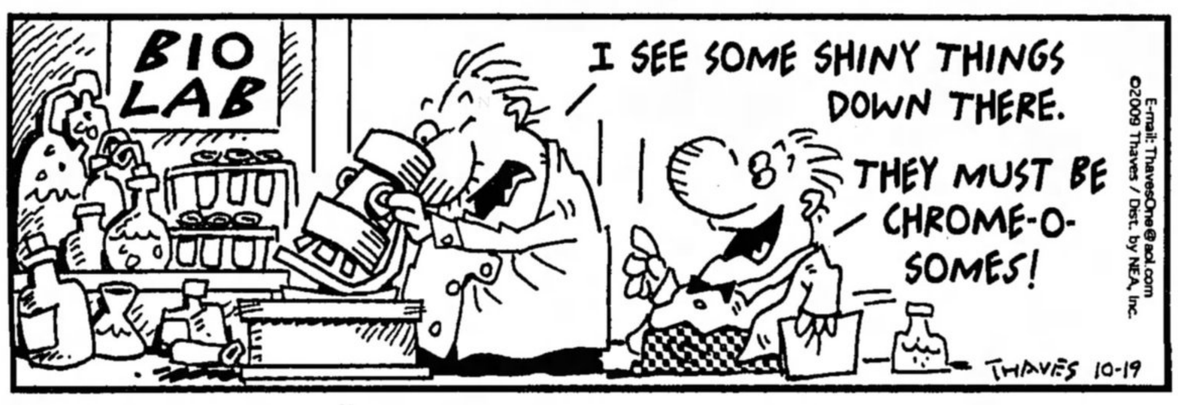

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HOW?
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WHY AREN'T YOU LISTENING TO MUSIC, SURFING THE WEB AND TEXTING ON YOUR PHONE?
I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE MULTI-TASKING RIGHT NOW
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20 Green veggies
21 Melodrama shout
22 Loud noise
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29 Mammoth
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34 Frisky
35 If not
36 Made an outline
38 Ham it up
39 Shellac resin
40 Duck's foot
41 Tender cutlets
43 Deadeye Annie
46 August meteor shower
48 Zest for life
50 Furniture wood
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54 Double curve
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4 Greet warmly
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30 Fuel cartel
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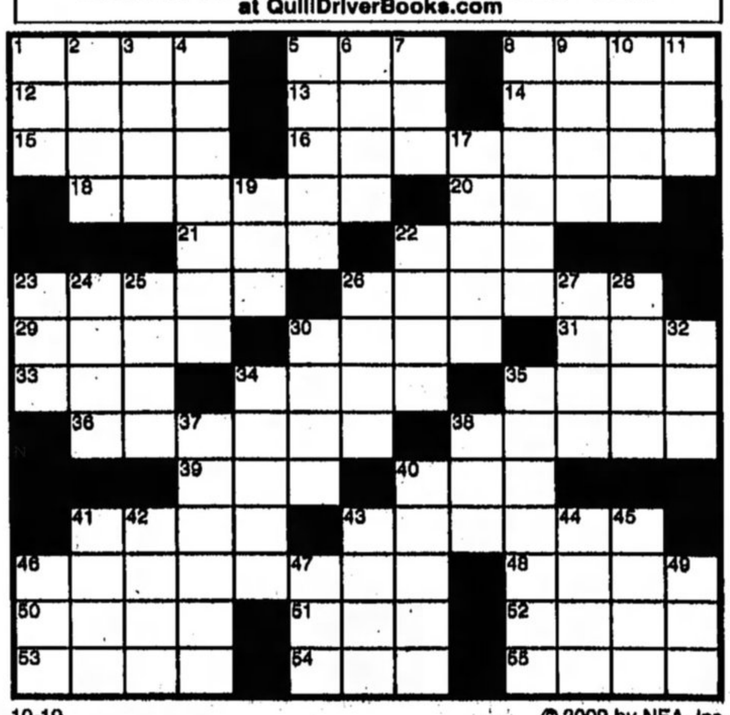

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NEWS

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he and other members of the team had it to do over again, they would not have played unless Paige was permitted to board with his Vulcan teammates.

Barcelona also revealed that a good portion of that team, including himself, experienced air sickness on the flight down. For most of the players, it was their first flight experience.

Still another interesting tidbit about the game was that across the line from Joe, at nose tackle, was Charleroi's Arden Ray. Many of the members on that Lenoir Ryne team were Pennsylvania transplants.

Since those glory days of Barcelona, Natali, OHara, Bailey, Paige and all the other Vulcan warriors we mentioned, Cal U's football program has had its ups and downs.

One of those "up" periods came during the era of Charleroi's Jeff Petrucci, who quarterbacked another fine team.

Once again the Vulcans are a powerhouse in the western division of Pennsylvania football. Their domination should last for many years to come and a national championship is not out of the picture.

Not only does this year's version of Vulcan football display a rough and ready defense, but the offensive threats are a joy for any red-blooded football fan to behold.

Quarterback, Josh Portis leads the conference with 18 TDs and no interceptions in play over the past 19 quarters. His skill levels along with his confidence has grown by leaps and bounds since Cal's opening two losses to other national powers.

Look for that same poise to continue to grow in their quest for yet another state title.

On the receiving end of many of Portis' passes is A.J. Jackson with 34 receptions and nine TDs. Jackson is a talented receiver who would not surprise many onlookers if he suited up with an NFL team next season.

If you consider yourself a football fan, Cal U's Vulcans deserve your support.

In addition to Cal U, we also have the division one Pitt Panthers in our region.

The Panthers as well as the nearby Mountaineers of West Virginia are both strong contenders to capture the Big East crown and advance into post-season play.

They too deserve the support of Valley followers.

Of course there is more than one team that deserves our backing.

Many Pennsylvania natives show an allegiance to Penn State.

Many of our Valley residents are PSU graduates and Joe Paterno has collected a wide range of support from this area.

As a member of the Big Ten, many local fans are cheering for Penn State as well as the Panthers or WVU.

The point is, we are surrounded by impressive college football programs in our Mon Valley environment.

Nearby Washington and Jefferson is another option we have.

In fact, the offerings we have from our high schools and college programs alone qualify the pigskin sport as a genuine Valley Gem.

And how about our Black & Gold?

Without question, the Steelers are the area's favorite when it comes to football. Everywhere you look men, women and children are clad in black and gold T shirts, sweats, jackets and hats.

Names such as Roethlisberger, Ward, Holmes, and Polamalu are inscribed across the backs of fans of all ages. Sunday afternoons or sometimes Monday, Sunday, or Thursday evenings become a time for tailgating, pizza parties, beer blasts and a general feeling of celebration.

My own introduction to professional football and the Steelers came during the days of "Bullet" Bill Dudley, a period when the pros took a back seat to both high school and college football.

A few years later the Steelers set up camp in our back yard at Cal State. During that era there were many stories of Steelers socializing at the Charleroi Vets and Sons of Italy on Saturday and Sunday evenings. The tales involving quarterback Bobby Layne, such as the day he allegedly threatened to push The High Point Inn off the hillside and down into the river, are legendary.

Steeler popularity probably rose during those California training days, but they still played second fiddle to our high schools and colleges.

With the coming of Howard Cossell and Monday Night Football, the NFL received the push it needed to take over the top spot.

Then, in the 70's Steeler mania really set in.

The Steel Curtain and the terrible towel became commonplace terms throughout the Valley.

We loved Mean Joe, Terry, Franco, Mel, Rocky, our two Jacks - Lynnie and Stall - and all the others who helped bring four super bowl trophies and rings in six years.

For several years following, we were in search for that "one for the thumb."

During Coach Bill Cower's next-to-last season, we finally covered the thumb.

Since then, under the tutelage of Coach Mike Tomlin, we've added a sixth and are hopefully on the road toward number seven.

How many other teams can make that claim? The answer, as you well know, is a big fat zero!

With so much class football surrounding us here in our Mid-Mon Valley, it's no wonder that many look upon it as our Hope Diamond.

With our high school, college and pro offerings, football continues to reign as the Autumn Prince throughout the Valley.

Long live the Prince!

Next week: Davey's Dream

Sheriff terms balloon ride a hoax, expects to arrest boy's parents

Parents allegedly staged last week's event to help land a reality television show.

By DAN ELLIOTT
Associated Press Writer

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — The story that a little boy had floated away in a giant helium balloon was a hoax concocted to land a reality television show, authorities said Sunday, and the boy's parents will likely face felony charges.

The stunt two weeks in the planning was a marketing ploy by Richard and Mayumi Heene, who met in acting school in Hollywood and have appeared on the ABC reality show "Wife Swap," Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden said. The Heenes have reportedly been working on a reality TV deal in Los Angeles.

Investigators are examining the possibility of other conspirators, "including the possibility that even some of the media outlets may have had some knowledge about this," Alderden said.

Documents show that a media outlet has agreed to pay money to the Heenes with regard to the balloon incident, Alderden said. He didn't name the media outlet, but said it was a show that blurs "the line between entertainment and news." It wasn't clear whether the deal was signed before or after the alleged hoax, or whether that media outlet was a possible conspirator.

Alderden did not name an outlet or provide any details.

"Let's call it (my statement) short of speculation that a media outlet was in on the hoax, but let's not discount the possibility," he said.

Six-year-old Falcon Heene may not have even been hiding in the rafters of the family's garage during the intense five-hour search for him Thursday, Alderden said.

"For all we know he may have been two blocks down the road playing on the swing in the city park," the sheriff said.

Alderden also said investigators want to talk to Robert Thomas, a Denver man who claimed Heene had told him he was planning a media stunt to promote a proposed reality show. Thomas, a self-described researcher, sold his story to the Web site Gawker.com, which billed it with the headline: "Exclusive: I Helped Richard Heene Plan a Balloon Hoax."

Associated Press

Richard Heene leads his sons Falcon, center, and Ryo out of their home in Fort Collins,, Colo., on Sunday shortly before the local sheriff said the runaway balloon incident involving the family last week was a hoax.

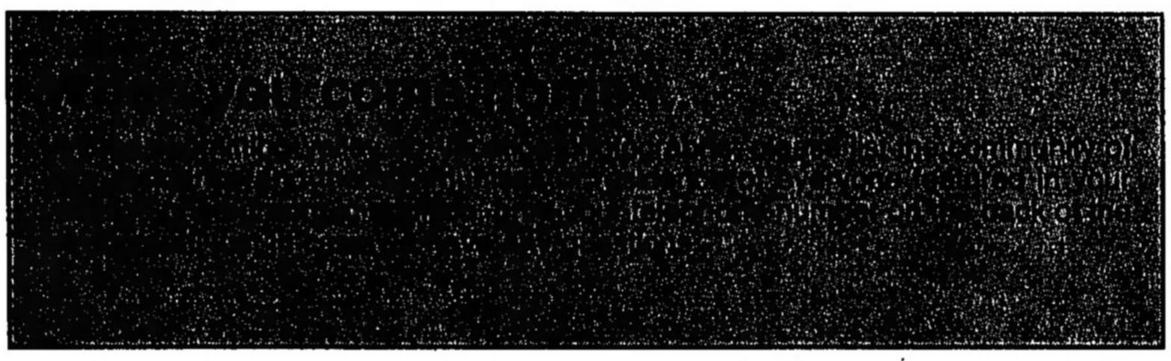
Web site editor-in-chief Gabriel Snyder confirmed that the site paid Thomas for his story but declined to say how much it paid him. In an e-mail Sunday to The Associated Press, Snyder said editors there had not contacted the Heene family or offered them money for their story, referring to Alderden's reference to a deal being struck by a media outlet.

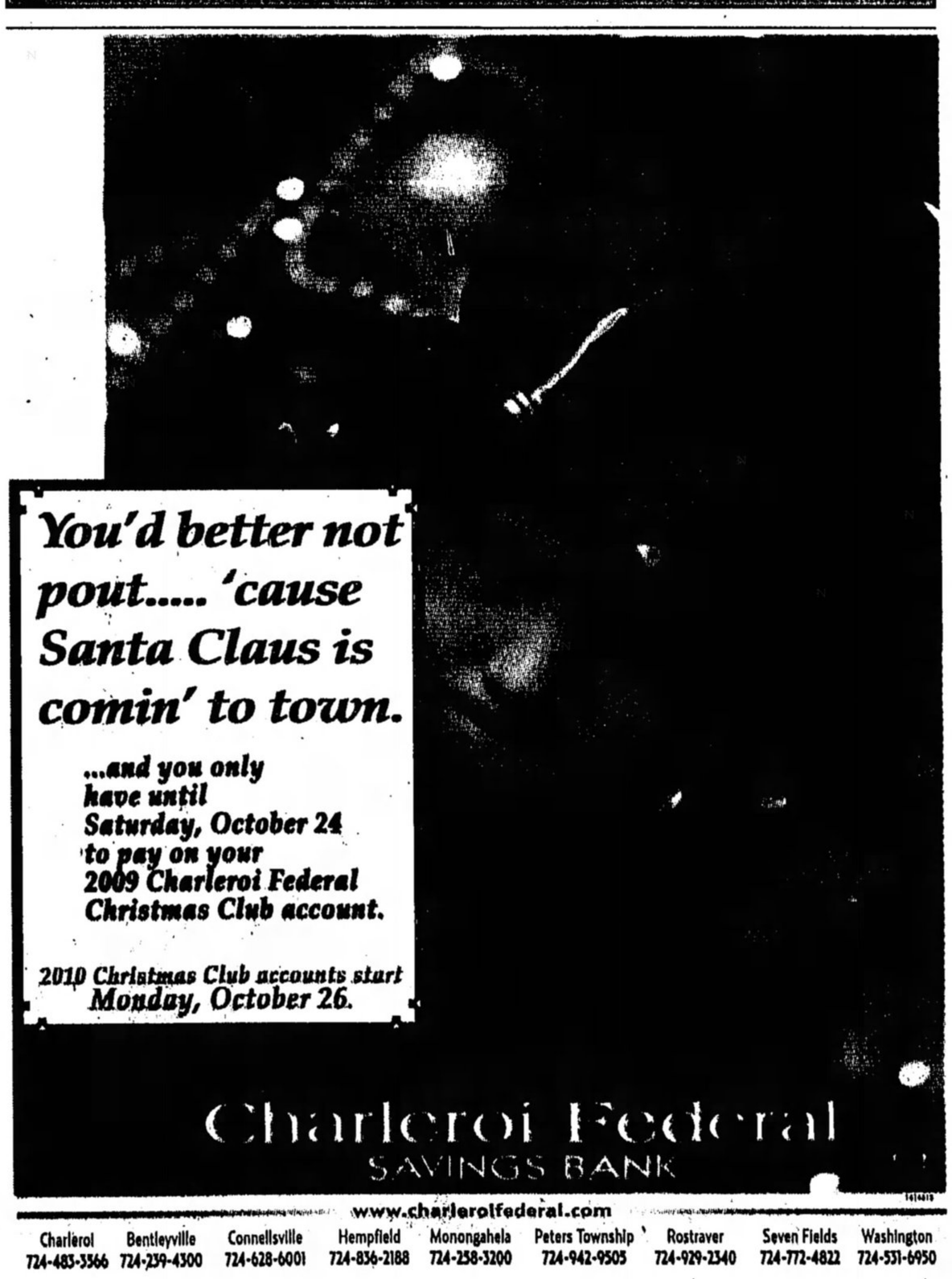
"No, that wasn't us," Snyder said.

Snyder said Thomas, 25, was planning to meet with investigators Sunday night, though sheriff's officials didn't return messages seeking confirmation.

Messages left for Thomas by the AP were also not returned.

In a statement, Gawker.com described how Thomas told them the hoax was part of Heene's plan to shop a proposed reality series billed as "Mythbusters-meets-mad scientist." Thomas told the site that the plan called for releasing a flying-saucer shaped balloon to garner attention for the Heene family, the proposed show and UFOs.

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Cal U celebrates homecoming in style

The weather could have been more seasonal, but that didn't seem to spoil the festivities associated with the annual homecoming at California University of Pennsylvania during the weekend.

Photos by Jim Ference

Those Cal U students certainly enjoyed themselves. They are, from left, Brittany Wilcosky, Katie Burke, Alisha Crowley and Brittany Chotta.

Members of the Cal U band strut their stuff during the traditional parade, which also featured floats, fire trucks and horse-mounted Shriners.

No homecoming parade or football game is complete without cheerleaders such as this group cheering on the Vulcans of Cal U.

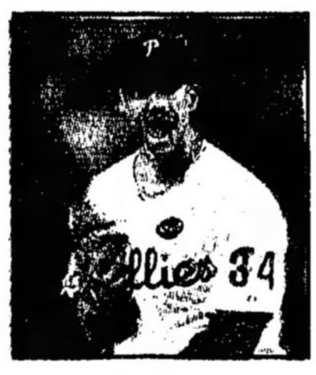
Donny Tate, left, and Sam Silva took pies in the face to help cancer research.

Homecoming king Davis Slagle poses with the queen, Jackie Davis.

California K-9 officer Tracy Vitale introduces Jacob Ferry, 8, to Argo, her partner.

This Ghost Busters float was one of many artistic creations made for the parade.

Paige Jones, who is Little Miss Mon Valley, tosses candy to spectators during the parade.



Lee sharp for Phillies

Cliff Lee threw eight shutout innings to help the Phillies take a 2-1 lead in the National League Championship Series. **2B**

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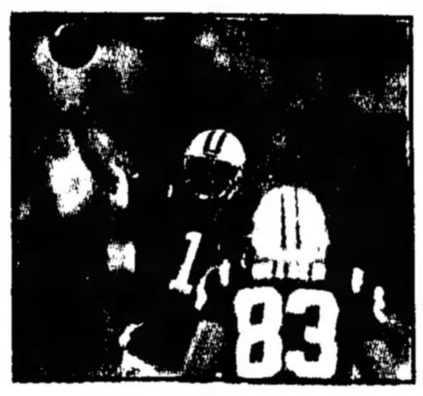

Patriots score 59

New England's offense was back in top form in Sunday's 59-0 rout over Tennessee. **4B**

Tide rolls to No. 1

Alabama has replaced Florida in the top spot of the latest AP college football poll. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Which NFL quarterback holds the Monday Night Football record of 458 passing yards in a game? **2B**

Sunday's games

Green Bay 26, Detroit 0
New Orleans 48, N.Y. Giants 27
Houston 28, Cincinnati 17
Kansas City 14, Washington 6
Carolina 28, Tampa Bay 21
Jacksonville 23, St. Louis 20, OT

Game of inches

Controversial fourth-down ruling helps Steelers top Browns.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger passed for 417 yards and the Steelers outgained the Browns 543-197. The edge in first downs was 28-12. By every statistical measure, the Steelers' 27-14 victory in an increasingly one-sided rivalry didn't look close at all.

Then again, neither did a first-down measurement that somehow went the Steelers' way late in the second quarter on Sunday.

If it wasn't for one inch — one slender inch the Steelers weren't certain they made, one the Browns were convinced that wasn't gained — Pittsburgh might not have withstood four irritating but ultimately inconsequential turnovers.

A Browns offense that couldn't have looked much worse might have felt much better about itself after driving for only its fourth touchdown in 12 games early in the third quarter. And a game in which the Steelers (4-2) didn't appear to have any chance of losing might have been much, much closer than envisioned.

One tiny inch.

With the Steelers leading 14-7 late in the second quarter, Roethlisberger was stopped by the Cleveland defense on a fourth-down sneak from the Browns' 14-yard line. The Browns' defenders watched as the chains were stretched, then started running off the field yelling and celebrating.

Only one problem — even as TV replays apparently showed the ball short of the stick, referee Walt Anderson surprised both teams by signaling first down.

"It was a close play — and we got lucky," said Roethlisberger, who accelerated slowly on some spongy grass as he drove into the line.

Anderson explained the TV angle might have been deceptive, and that the ball only needs to be touching the plane of the yard marker — much like a football doesn't need to cross the goal line on a touchdown, only touch the plane.

"If you shot that angle from the other side, it might actually look like it's further in advance of the stake of what it was," Anderson said.

The Steelers could only say thanks.

"I saw all the Cleveland guys arguing and yelling, so it was, well, the referee knows the rules better than I do," tackle Max Starks said. "If he says first down, it's a first down."

Afterward, the Browns (1-5) refused to blame the call for their 12th consecutive loss and 18th in 19 games to a rival that, for years, has been out of Cleveland's league.

"He made the call; you have to live with it," said linebacker David Bowens, who had a fumble recovery and a sack. "I don't know if there was (an explanation). He just said first down and that's it. We'll have to look at it on tape, but I was right there when they measured it."

Roethlisberger's apparent 13-yard TD pass to Hines Ward two plays later was taken away on replay because Ward lost control of the ball as he rolled out of bounds. But there was no overturning a first-down call that ended up resulting in Jeff Reed's 32-yard field goal.

The ruling meant the Browns (1-5) trailed 17-14 instead of being tied at 14 after driving for Derek Anderson's 1-yard TD pass to Lawrence Vickers early in the third quarter.

Despite all the mistakes, the Browns never slowed Roethlisberger (23 of 35) in only his second career 400-yard game and the Steelers' first 500-yard game since 2006. Ward made eight catches for 159 yards and a touchdown and Santonio Holmes (5

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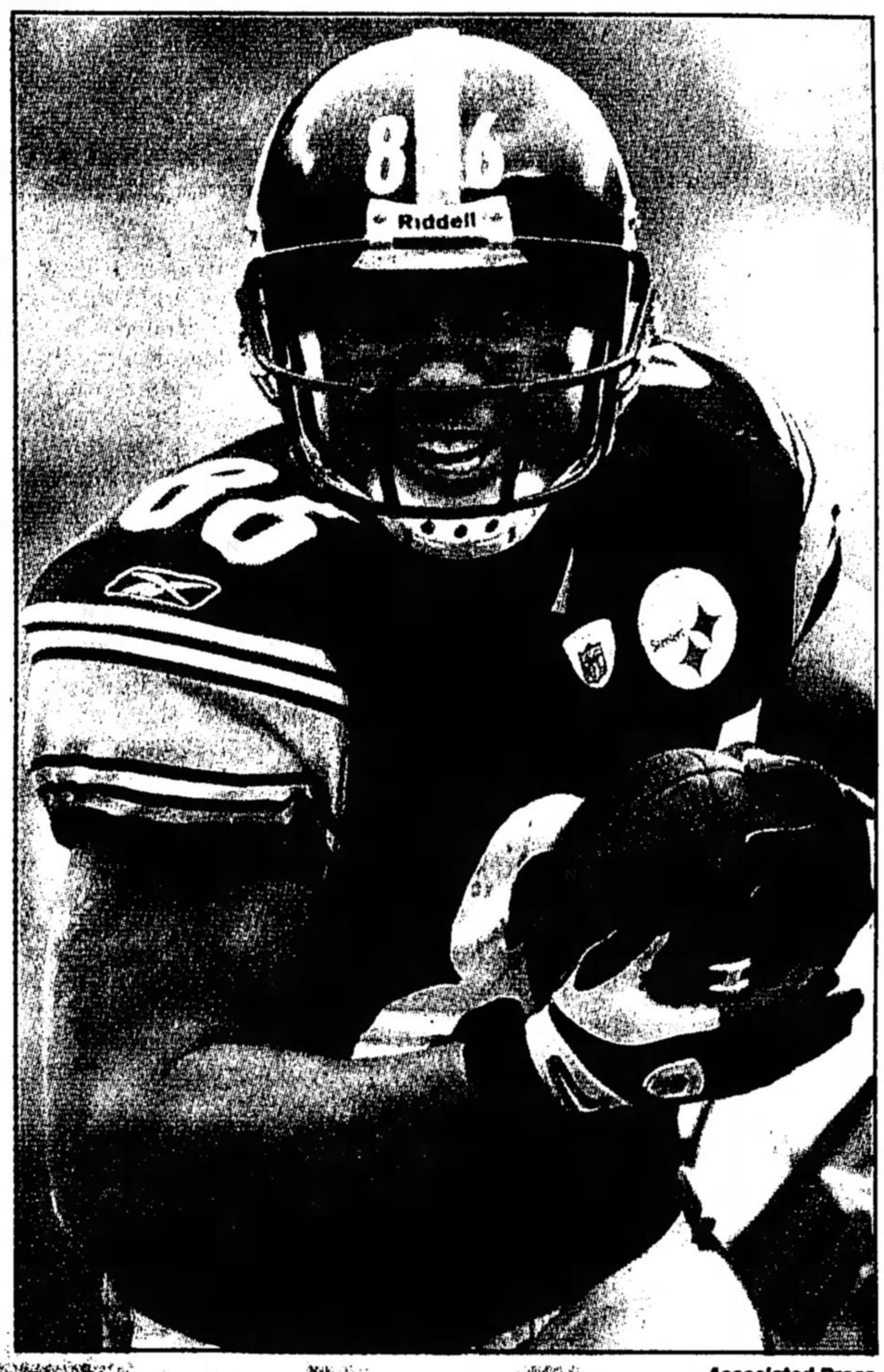

Associated Press

Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward breaks free for a 56-yard touchdown catch Sunday.

Steelers top 400 yards with Air Arians

Roethlisberger completes 23 of 35 passes with two TDs.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Offensively, the Pittsburgh Steelers have been identified with a punishing running game throughout most of the past two decades.

This season, they appear to prefer to air it out. A lot.

Pittsburgh (4-2) was fourth in the NFL in passing before Ben Roethlisberger threw for 417 yards in a 27-14 win over the Cleveland Browns on Sunday, the second-best yardage game of his career. He threw for 433 yards against Denver in 2006.

"I don't think we know how good we can be," Roethlisberger said. "Truth be told, I think we have to keep striving for excellence."

Roethlisberger went 23 for 35 with two touchdowns and one interception. He also had a 113.6 passer rating, the third

Ben Roethlisberger

consecutive game it was above 100. The Steelers are averaging 313 yards passing.

Sunday, the Steelers averaged 10.6 yards per pass attempt and had 11 plays of at least 19 yards.

Just call them Air Arians, a reference to offensive coordinator Bruce Arians.

"They just found some soft spots in the zone and were able to turn those plays into big plays," Cleveland cornerback Eric Wright said. "With a team like that, you can't afford to give them big plays and we gave them a lot. And they took it."

The running game was below average last season even as the Steelers were winning the Super Bowl, and it has been only slightly better this season despite Rashard Mendenhall's 165-yard game against San Diego. He ran for 62 yards and a touchdown on Sunday

"We don't care by what means we move the chains or light up the scoreboard, as long as the job gets done," coach Mike Tomlin said. "A lot of times what we do is dictated by what our opponents do, and we're OK with that."

CRIBBS IN THE WILDCAT: Cleveland's passing offense has been so deficient, ranking second-to-last in the NFL, that the Browns went in a different direction early on: the wildcat.

The ball was snapped directly to receiver Joshua Cribbs during more than a quarter of Cleveland's plays from scrimmage, with varying degrees of success.

While Cribbs was the team's leading rusher with 45 yards on six carries, he also ended what looked to be an early scoring drive when he was intercepted by Troy Polamalu late in the first quarter, the first of four Browns turnovers. The Steelers took advantage by taking a 7-0 lead on Ben Roethlisberger's 8-yard pass to tight end Heath Miller.

"I was doing too much. It's unacceptable," said Cribbs, who had a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. "I was trying to make a play when there wasn't a play to be made. Coaches ask you to do your job and that's it. Don't try to do something that the coach doesn't ask you to do. I should have thrown it away."

The interception was the sixth wildcat play on a seven-play drive. The Browns largely abandoned the formation over the next two quarters but brought it out again when Cribbs gained 15 yards on three plays during the fourth quarter.

"When it hit there early, we kept going to it, came back with it a little in the second half and generated a few first downs," coach Eric Mangini said. "I think it's the type of thing that's good because it's different and it'll force our opponent to prepare for a few things."

Coach Mike Tomlin said the Steelers practiced facing the wildcat last week.

"Just because you prepare for it doesn't mean you can stop it," he said. "He is a special guy, as we continue to see in a lot of different phases. I respect him."

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Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Cal U's A.J. Jackson tries to escape Edinboro's Randall Williams Saturday. Jackson had six catches for 113 yards, but was kept out of the end zone for the first time in seven games.

Luckhardt's 200th win memorable

Vulcans pound Edinboro to take over lead in PSAC West.

California University football coach John Luckhardt's 200th win has to rank among his bigger victories.

It came Saturday over Edinboro, 38-14, at Adamson Stadium in the PSAC West showdown for first place.

As a result of its sixth straight win, California (6-2, 5-0) is sure to move up in the crucial Super Regional One rankings where the Scots were second and the Vulcans sixth.

The Vulcans didn't start out like they were going to roll over the Scots (6-2, 4-1).

With Trevor Harris firing touchdown passes of 17 yards to Shawn Walker in the first quarter and 15 yards to Marcus Johnson early in the second period, Edinboro led 14-3 in the opening 18 minutes.

California, however, trimmed the deficit to 14-10 at intermission when Josh Portis ran in from 9 yards out with 32 seconds left to end an 11-play, 79-yard drive which took 4:47.

After that it was all Cal as the Vulcans upped their record against against Harris, the two-time PSAC West Offensive Player of the Year, to 0-4.

Windell Brown, who finished with a game and career-high 148 yards on 21 carries, put Cal ahead to stay with touchdown runs of 19 and 20 yards in the third quarter to make it 24-14.

Brown, who had missed four games with a high-ankle sprain, gained 104 of his yards in the third quarter.

Freddie Bacco's 1-yard touchdown run and Portis' 16-yard pass to Chedrick Cherry closed the scoring for the Vulcans in the final period.

"They just wore us down," said Edinboro coach Scott Browning.

While Brown was enjoying his best game of the season, Portis continued to put up impressive numbers.

Portis completed 10 of 16 passes for 177 yards and also ran for 81 on eight carries. He's thrown 19 touchdown passes in the Vulcans' win streak and has thrown 136 passes without an interception.

Harris, meanwhile, finished 20 of 36 for 191 yards.

While the offense was doing all the scoring following intermission, the Vulcans' defense was limiting Edinboro's high-powered offense to four first downs and 80 total offense yards including nine on the ground.

Cal's senior defensive lineman Brandon Gordon was named the PSAC West Defensive Player of the Week after making six tackles including three for losses and a quarterback sack.

CAL CLIPS: Luckhardt is sixth among active NCAA Division II coaches in the 200 club. He has 63 wins at Cal after winning 137 in 17 seasons at Washington & Jefferson College ... Sophomore linebacker Brett Diamond had a team-high eight tackles ... The Vulcans' A.J. Jackson had six catches for 113 yards but didn't score for the first time in seven games ... California resumes Saturday at Slippery Rock in a 1 p.m. game.

SPORTS

Phillies dominate Dodgers

Cliff Lee, Ryan Howard star in 11-0 romp in NLCS Game 2.

By ROB MAADDI
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Cliff Lee sprinted off the mound after throwing his final pitch, nearly breaking a sweat for the first time. Heck, he almost outhustled the Phillies' newest speed demon, Ryan Howard.

With their ace and slugger leading the way, the defending World Series champions got back their swagger.

Lee dominated the Dodgers, Howard and Jayson Werth provided the big swings early and Philadelphia cruised past Los Angeles 11-0 Sunday night for a 2-1 lead in the NL championship series.

"We expect to win when we come to the ballpark, and that's kind of who they are," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

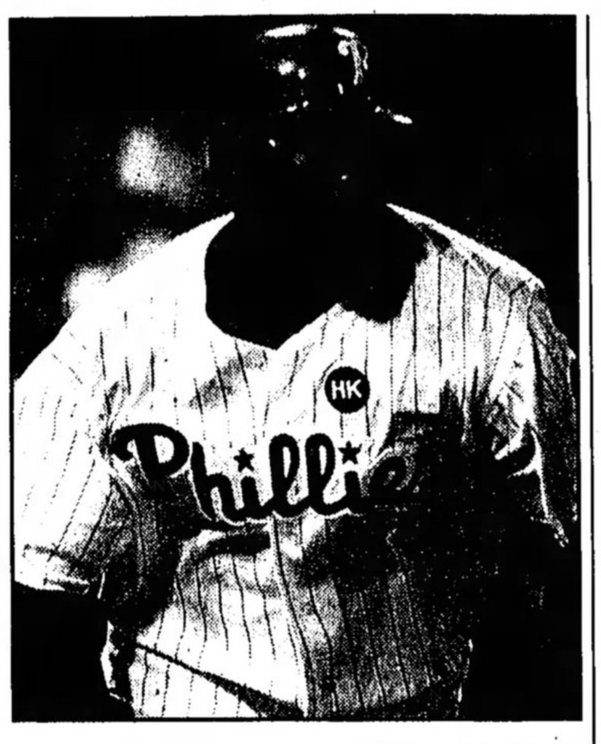
Lee provided another brilliant playoff start, striking out 10 and allowing only three hits in eight innings.

"Cliff Lee, what can I say about him? He was absolutely outstanding," Manuel said.

Howard ran hard for a triple, Werth homered and the Phillies led 6-0 by the second inning. Howard made two headfirst dives during the romp — the All-Star first baseman has an RBI in all seven of Philadelphia's playoff games this year, a record streak in a single postseason.

"He's a big-game player," Werth said. "We've got a lot of guys like that here, guys that thrive in big situations."

The Phillies came up with the most-lopsided win in their postseason history. Joe Blanton starts Game 4 Monday night against Randy Wolf, who hasn't pitched since the opener of the division series against St. Louis.



Associated Press

Ryan Howard smacks a two-run triple in the first inning Sunday.

"You never want to get your rear end kicked," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said. "But you don't toss and turn and wonder if you made the right move. It's still only one game and we're in position to tie the series tomorrow."

The next two games in the best-of-seven series are set for Citizens Bank Park.

Howard had three RBIs, including his two-run triple in the first. Werth followed that with a two-run homer, and that was more than enough for Lee.

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner faced just two batters over the minimum. Lee gave up a pair of singles to Manny Ramirez and one to Ronnie Belliard.

Manuel planned to send Lee out for the ninth until he hit a single in the eighth and scored on Shane Victorino's three-run homer. Chad Durbin relieved to begin the ninth and pitched a perfect inning.

Reed cited for intoxication

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steelers kicker Jeff Reed has been cited by city police for public intoxication and disorderly conduct outside a bar a couple of blocks from where the team beat the Cleveland Browns a few hours earlier.

Zone 1 police say Reed was cited outside McFadden's Bar about 9 p.m. Sunday.

This is Reed's second brush with the law this year.

He paid $543 in fines and restitution after pleading guilty to disorderly conduct and criminal mischief for damaging a paper towel dispenser in a convenience store bathroom in New Alexandria in February.

Team spokesman Dave Lockett says the team is still gathering information and has no comment.

Police say Reed will be mailed a summons to appear in city court.

Steelers (FROM PAGE ONE)

catches for 104 yards) had his first 100-yard game since the opener against Tennessee.

"It was kind of reminiscent of when Tommy Maddox was here, we were slinging the ball around," said Ward, whose 52-yard scoring catch put the Steelers up 14-0 in the second quarter.

On Sunday, Roethlisberger will be slinging it against Brett Favre and the Vikings (6-0), a matchup even the Steelers' defense can't wait to see.

"I know I'm excited," safety Ryan Clark said.

For the Browns, there wasn't much to get excited about except for Joshua Cribbs' 98-yard kickoff return touchdown, his eighth career return score and his third against Pittsburgh, and the occasional plays he made out of the wildcat offense. The Browns also had four turnovers.

The Browns ran the wildcat on about one-quarter of their plays, and were in position to take an early lead until Cribbs was intercepted by Troy Polamalu late in the first quarter.

With so little offense in their last 12 games, it's hardly surprising the Browns have lost 11 of them.

"I've got to be better," said Anderson, who was 9 of 24 for 122 yards. "I've got to give them better chances to catch it and be more precise with my throws. ... And, no, Josh isn't going to play quarterback."

Notebook (FROM PAGE ONE)

YES, THE STEELERS HAVE A TIGHT END: Heath Miller has long built a reputation as one of the NFL's best blocking tight ends. Now he's showing he can be an elite receiver, too.

Miller entered the game seventh in the league with 29 receptions, and only the Indianapolis Colts' Dallas Clark had more among tight ends. The former first-round draft pick had five receptions for 80 yards and a touchdown.

Miller is averaging 5.7 catches and is on pace for 91 after averaging 42 during his first four seasons.

"Like I've always said, the defense kind of dictates where the ball goes," Miller said. "I feel like Ben spread the ball out to everybody today and everybody contributed."

Starting receivers Hines Ward (eight catches) and Santonio Holmes (five) each had more than 100 yards receiving. Rookie Mike Wallace also had two catches.

Miller's touchdown was his team-high fourth of the season and 25th of his career, moving him into second place among tight ends in franchise history. He also surpassed 200 receptions, only the third Pittsburgh tight end to do so.

RIVALRY? WHAT RIVALRY?: Pittsburgh has won 12 consecutive games against the longtime rival Browns, the longest streak in the 59-year series history and tied for the longest active streak in the NFL.

The Steelers have won 18 of the past 19 meetings and the most recent six at Heinz Field.

"They're a great football team; they've won Super Bowls. Sometimes you have to give credit where credit is due," Cleveland's Joshua Cribbs said. "I don't really think about that... You don't count losses that come year after year after year."

The Steelers are 14-3 in their past 17 AFC North games. After trailing by two games early in the season, they're now tied with Cincinnati (4-2), although the Bengals currently own the tiebreaker, and they're one game ahead of Baltimore (3-3), which won its first three games.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

The Pittsburgh Pirates were celebrating winning the World Series in seven games over Baltimore after being down 3-1 following four contests.

20 Years Ago

Ringgold blanked South Park, 3-0, with Danielle Kalchthaler, Nicole Bartkus and Michelle Fischer scoring for the Lady Rams.

Brett Hull scored three goals in the St. Louis Blues' 9-3 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

10 Years Ago

Sophomore Jen Pergola had four goals in Ringgold's 7-0 win over Belle Vernon Area.

Monessen blanked Beth-Center, 3-0, on goals by Shannon Adamcheck, Terri Myshin and Kelly Kifus.

Shellie Cotton had two goals and Brooke Rebar the winner in overtime as Charleroi edged Jeannette, 3-2.

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Week 7
Games of Oct. 24-25

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Chicago at Cincinnati	NY Jets at Oakland
Green Bay at Cleveland	Atlanta at Dallas
San Francisco at Houston	New Orleans at Miami
San Diego at Kansas City	Arizona at NY Giants
Minnesota at Pittsburgh	Texas at Missouri
Indianapolis at St. Louis	Penn State at Michigan
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12. Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

SPORTS DIGEST

Basketball officials clinic in Monessen

The PIAA basketball officials clinic for men and women 18 and over has been changed to Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.at the Monessen Civic Center.

For more information contact Cam Madison (724-684-4240).

BV Area booters blank California

The Belle Vernon Area Junior High soccer team upped its record to 13-1 with a 9-0 win over California.

Anthony Zenobi, Alex Robinson and Josh Page each scored two goals with David Wurmlinger, DJ Mraz and Ian Ritchie each getting one. Geno Leone had two assists.

BVA hosts Trinity today at 4 p.m.

Weather postpones PSAC championships

The PSAC men's and and women's golf championships scheduled at the Hershey Links over the weekend were postponed by the weather. No makeup date has been set.

Cal netters fourth in ITA championships

California University's doubles team of juniors Nina Kowalski and Laurie Navarro finished fourth in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) national small college championships Saturday in Mobile, Ala.

Kowalski and Navarro lost to Abilene Christian's Jaclyn Walker and Dina Pavlin, 6-1 and 6-0.

In singles, Cal U sophomore Alina Stanila came in seventh. Stanila defeated Upper Iowa's Anastasia Dabiza, 6-4 and 6-3, in the seventh place match.

California booters overtime winner

Amanda Heister's second goal in the 98th minute gave No. 20 California University women's soccer team 3-2 overtime win over visiting Mercyhurst Saturday.

Sophomore Chaning Wimer scored the Vulcans' other goal by heading in a corner kick by Kayla Fransko.

The Vulcans (12-3-1, 7-2-1) tied the school record for most wins in a season and share first place in the PSAC West with Indiana.

Cal resumes Tuesday at Gannon.

Trivia answer

Joe Montana for the San Francisco 49ers against the Los Angeles Rams in 1989.

Alabama in top spot

NEW YORK (AP) — After a steady climb, Alabama has reached the top of the AP poll.

The Crimson Tide jumped Florida and landed at No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 on Sunday.

The unbeaten Gators had been in the top spot since the preseason, but the Crimson Tide has been gaining ground for weeks by winning more convincingly than the Gators.

The final surge came after Alabama beat South Carolina 20-6 and Florida needed a field goal in the waning seconds to beat Arkansas 23-20 at home.

The Crimson Tide, which received 10 first-place votes last week, got 39 out of 59 from the media panel. Florida received the other 20 first-place votes.

Texas is No. 3, followed by Southern California, Cincinnati and Boise State at No. 6. The Broncos dropped a spot.

The first BCS standings also came out Sunday and Florida was in first place, followed by Alabama, Texas and Boise State.

Unbeaten Iowa moved up four places after beating Wisconsin 20-10 on the road. Miami, LSU and TCU round out the top 10.

Dave Bashada starred at Belle Vernon Area in 1978.

SPORTS

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	Sec.		Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L T
Peters Township	10	0	0	13	2 1
Upper St. Clair	8	2	0	14	2 1
Canon-McMillan	5	4	1	9	7 1
Moon	3	6	1	6	9 2
Ringgold	3	7	0	9	7 0
Trinity	0	10	0	2	15 0

Saturday
Ringgold 4, Charleroi 2
Today
Upper St.Clair at T. Jefferson
Tuesday
Shaler at C-McMillan

Class AA
Section 3

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
South Park	11	1	0	14	2	0
S'moreland	11	1	1	12	3	1
BV Area	7	4	2	10	5	2
Th. Jefferson	7	5	1	8	7	1
Elizabeth Fwd.	7	6	0	9	8	0
Steel Valley	4	9	0	5	10	0
Uniontown	2	10	0	3	13	0
Yough	0	13	0	0	14	0

Today
South Park at Uniontown
Steel Valley at West Mifflin
Tuesday
Yough at BV Area
Elizabeth at T. Jefferson
South Park at Steel Valley
Uniontown at S'moreland

Class A
Section 1

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Grb. Central	13	0	0	13	4	0
Trinity Christian	10	3	0	11	6	0
Serra	8	4	0	11	5	0
Winch. Thurston	7	5	1	8	6	1
Geibel	6	7	0	10	7	0
California	4	8	1	7	10	1
South Allegheny	2	11	0	2	13	0
Brownsville	0	12	0	0	16	0

Today
Brownsville at Serra
Tuesday
California at Grb. Central
Geibel at Brownsville
Serra at South Allegheny
W. Thurston at Trinity Christian

Section 4

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Carlynton	10	0	1	14	1	2
Bentworth	8	2	1	7	7	1
Charleroi	6	4	0	9	6	0
C-Houston	6	5	1	6	9	2
Monessen	2	7	2	5	9	2
Beth-Center	2	8	0	6	9	0
Brentwood	1	9	1	2	11	1

Today
Beth-Center at Charleroi
Tuesday
Monessen at Charleroi
Beth-Center at Bentworth
Carlynton at Brentwood
C-Houston at Sacred Heart

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Mt. Lebanon	10	1	0	12	3	0
Canon-McMillan	9	2	0	12	5	0
Upper St. Clair	9	2	0	9	5	2
Ringgold	4	7	0	7	10	0
Elizabeth	4	7	0	5	10	1
Trinity	3	8	0	6	10	0
West Mifflin	0	12	0	2	14	0

Saturday
Elizabeth 1, Butler 1
Upper St. Clair 3, Springdale 3
Trinity 4, Vincentian 1
Today
Ringgold at Elizabeth
Trinity at C-McMillan
Upper St. Clair at Mt. Lebanon
Steel Valley at West Mifflin

Section 6

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
S'moreland	11	0	2	12	1	2
BV Area	11	0	2	13	2	2
Connellsville	9	4	0	10	7	0
Yough	6	7	0	9	8	0
Waynesburg	6	7	0	8	9	0
L. Highlands	5	8	0	6	11	0
Uniontown	2	11	0	3	13	0
Albert Gallatin	0	13	0	0	15	0

Saturday
Baldwin 5, Uniontown 0
Today
Yough at BV Area
Connellsville at S'moreland
Uniontown at L. Highlands
Waynesburg at Albert Gallatin

Class AA
Section 1

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
South Park	11	0	0	14	1	1
South Fayette	9	2	0	10	5	1
McGuffey	8	3	0	10	6	0
Bentworth	4	6	0	8	8	0
Charleroi	4	7	0	7	9	0
C-Houston	1	10	0	1	15	1
Beth-Center	1	10	0	3	11	0

Saturday
South Fayette 6, C-Houston 0
Today
Beth-Center at Bentworth
McGuffey at C-Houston
South Park at South Fayette

Section 6

	Sec.			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Mt. Pleasant	10	1	0	13	4	0
Grb. Central	9	2	0	13	3	1
Geibel	8	3	0	10	5	0
Jeannette	5	4	1	7	6	2
Monessen	2	8	1	4	9	1
St. Joseph	1	9	0	3	11	0
East Allegheny	1	9	0	2	11	0

Today
Monessen at East Allegheny
Mt. Pleasant at Geibel
Jeannette at Grb. Central

NBA preseason

Sunday's Games
New York 106, Maccabi 91
Boston 101, Toronto 82
Philadelphia 116, Phoenix 94
Utah 110, Charlotte 103
Portland 98, Denver 96
L.A. Lakers 114, L.A. Clippers 108
Today's Games
Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Kyle Orton and the Denver Broncos will face the San Diego Chargers at 8:30 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today
Television
4 p.m. - WPGH - New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels, baseball.
7 p.m. - Versus - San Jose at New York Rangers, hockey.
8 p.m. - WTBS - Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia, baseball.
8:30 p.m. - ESPN - Denver at San Diego, pro football.
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4 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels, baseball.
8 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia, baseball.
8:30 p.m. - KQV (1410) - Denver at San Diego, pro football.

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	Con.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
T. Jefferson	4	0	7	0
Chartiers Valley	4	1	6	1
West Mifflin	2	2	5	2
BV Area	2	2	4	3
Trinity	2	3	2	5
Elizabeth Forward	1	3	4	3
Ringgold	0	4	2	5

Friday
BV Area at T. Jefferson
Chartiers Valley at Elizabeth
West Mifflin at Ringgold

Keystone Conference

	Con.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Greensburg Salem	4	0	6	1
Laurel Highlands	3	1	3	4
Uniontown	3	1	4	3
Derry	2	2	2	5
Albert Gallatin	2	3	3	4
Yough	1	4	1	6
S'moreland	0	4	0	7

Friday
Grb. Salem at Laurel Highlands
Albert Gallatin at Derry
Uniontown at S'moreland
Yough at Trinity

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Mt. Pleasant	7	0	7	0
Charleroi	5	2	5	2
Jeannette	5	2	5	2
McGuffey	5	2	5	2
Washington	5	2	5	2
Greensburg Central	5	2	5	2
Waynesburg	2	5	2	5
Brownsville	1	6	1	6
South Allegheny	0	7	0	7
East Allegheny	0	7	0	7

Friday
Charleroi at Washington
Jeannette at Mt. Pleasant
Brownsville at East Allegheny
Waynesburg at McGuffey

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Monessen	5	0	5	2
Beth-Center	4	1	5	2
Jefferson-Morgan	3	2	5	2
California	3	2	4	3
Carmichaels	3	2	3	4
Geibel	1	4	2	5
Mapletown	1	4	1	6
West Greene	0	5	0	7

Saturday
Carmichaels 28, Geibel 7
Friday
Monessen at Carmichaels
Jeff-Morgan at California
Geibel at Mapletown
West Greene at Beth-Center

Black Hills Conference

	Con.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Clairton	5	0	6	1
Serra	4	1	6	1
Fort Cherry	3	2	5	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	3	4	3
Burgettstown	2	3	3	4
Frazier	2	3	3	4
Bentworth	1	4	2	5
Avella	1	4	2	5

Friday
Clairton at Avella
Frazier at Serra
C-Houston at Bentworth
Burgettstown at Fort Cherry

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NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	163	91
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	114	104
Miami	2	3	0	.400	112	106
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	93	129

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	5	0	0	1.000	137	71
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	120	147
Houston	3	3	0	.500	143	137
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	84	198

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	4	2	0	.667	118	118
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	140	112
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	5	0	.167	69	148

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	5	0	0	1.000	99	43
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	101	102
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	62	139
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	68	144

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	1	0	.833	178	119
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	122	98
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	136	99
Washington	2	4	0	.333	79	96

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	5	0	0	1.000	192	93
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	123	77
Carolina	2	3	0	.400	85	125
Tampa Bay	0	6	0	.000	89	168

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	0	0	1.000	189	121
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	130	93
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	119	99
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	103	188

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	112	98
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	112	92
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	6	0	.000	54	169

Sunday's Games
Green Bay 26, Detroit 0
New Orleans 48, N.Y. Giants 27
Pittsburgh 27, Cleveland 14
Houston 28, Cincinnati 17
Kansas City 14, Washington 6
Carolina 28, Tampa Bay 21
Jacksonville 23, St. Louis 20, OT
Minnesota 33, Baltimore 31
Arizona 27, Seattle 3
Oakland 13, Philadelphia 9
Buffalo 16, N.Y. Jets 13, OT
New England 59, Tennessee 0
Atlanta 21, Chicago 14
Open: Indianapolis, Miami, Dallas, San Francisco
Today's Game
Denver at San Diego, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 25
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Houston, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New England at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Cincinnati, 4:15 p.m.
New Orleans at Miami, 4:15 p.m.
Arizona at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Denver, Seattle, Detroit, Jacksonville, Baltimore, Tennessee
Monday, Oct. 26
Philadelphia at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

Steelers summary

Cleveland	**0**	**7**	**7**	**0**	**- 14**
Pittsburgh	**0**	**17**	**7**	**3**	**- 27**

Second quarter
Pit-Miller 8 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 11:26.
Pit-Ward 52 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 4:28.
Cle-Cribbs 98 kickoff return (Cundiff kick), 4:15.
Pit-FG Reed 32, :07.
Third quarter
Cle-Vickers 1 pass from Anderson (Cundiff kick), 11:39.
Pit-Mendenhall 2 run (Reed kick), 8:32.
Fourth quarter
Pit-FG Reed 39, 5:42.
Att-64,398.

Team statistics

	Cle	Pit
First downs	12	28
Total Net Yards	197	543
Rushes-yards	23-91	36-140
Passing	106	403
Punt Returns	1-26	1-1
Kickoff Returns	5-153	2-55
Interceptions Ret.	1-32	2-3
Comp-Att-Int	9-26-2	23-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-16	3-14
Punts	5-43.0	2-45.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-3
Penalties-Yards	4-45	4-30
Time of Possession	23:14	36:46

Individual statistics
Rushing-Cleveland, Cribbs 6-45, Harrison 5-26, Lewis 11-21, Anderson 1-(minus 1), Pittsburgh, Mendenhall 17-62, Parker 7-26, Wallace 1-21, Moore 5-20, Roethlisberger 6-11.
Passing-Cleveland, Anderson 9-24-1-122, Cribbs 0-2-1-0. Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 23-35-1-417.
Receiving-Cleveland, Massaquoi 5-83, Lewis 2-15, Robiskie 1-23, Vickers 1-1. Pittsburgh, Ward 8-159, Holmes 5-104, Miller 5-80, Wallace 2-50, Mendenhall 2-15, Parker 1-9.

MLS results

Saturday's Games
Toronto FC 1, Real Salt Lake 0
New England 0, Chicago 0, tie
D.C. United 1, Columbus 0
Seattle FC 3, Kansas City 2
FC Dallas 2, Colorado 1
Chivas USA 2, San Jose 2, tie
Sunday's Games
Houston 0, Los Angeles 0, tie

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	8	7	1	0	14	32	16
Pittsburgh	8	7	1	0	14	28	18
New Jersey	7	4	3	0	8	18	19
Philadelphia	6	3	2	1	7	21	19
N.Y. Islanders	6	0	3	3	3	13	23

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	7	5	2	0	10	22	16
Buffalo	6	4	1	1	9	18	12
Boston	7	3	4	0	6	20	23
Montreal	7	2	5	0	4	15	24
Toronto	7	0	6	1	1	14	32

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	8	4	2	2	10	29	24
Atlanta	5	4	1	0	8	20	13
Tampa Bay	7	2	3	2	6	17	27
Carolina	7	2	4	1	5	15	22
Florida	6	2	4	0	4	14	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	8	5	2	1	11	29	23
Columbus	6	5	1	0	10	18	12
St. Louis	6	3	2	1	7	19	15
Detroit	7	3	3	1	7	22	25
Nashville	7	2	4	1	5	10	23

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	8	6	1	1	13	28	18
Calgary	8	5	2	1	11	30	28
Edmonton	7	4	2	1	9	28	21
Vancouver	7	3	4	0	6	22	23
Minnesota	7	1	6	0	2	15	25

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	7	5	2	0	10	18	10
Dallas	7	3	1	3	9	24	20
San Jose	8	4	3	1	9	25	23
Los Angeles	8	4	4	0	8	24	28
Anaheim	7	3	3	1	7	16	21

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 4, Buffalo 2
Ottawa 3, Montreal 1
Colorado 4, Detroit 3, SO
San Jose 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Washington 3, Nashville 2, SO
Columbus 4, Los Angeles 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Toronto 1
New Jersey 2, Carolina 0
Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 1
Dallas 4, Chicago 3
Phoenix 4, Boston 1
St. Louis 5, Anaheim 0
Vancouver 2, Minnesota 1
Sunday's Games
No games scheduled
Today's Games
San Jose at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

NHL scoring leaders

	GP	G	A	PTS
Ovechkin, Was	8	9	7	16
Thornton, SJ	8	2	11	13
Gaborik, NYR	8	6	6	12
Kopitar, LA	8	4	8	12
Sedin, Van	7	3	8	11
St. Louis, TB	7	3	8	11
Prospal, NYR	8	3	8	11
Backstrom, Was	8	2	9	11
Semin, Was	8	6	4	10
Heatley, SJ	8	5	5	10
Sharp, Chi	8	5	5	10
Smyth, LA	8	5	5	10
Nash, Cls	6	3	7	10
Malkin, Pit	8	3	7	10
Penner, Edm	7	5	4	9

Football Top 25

	W-L	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (39)	7-0	1,447	2
2. Florida (20)	6-0	1,434	1
3. Texas	6-0	1,365	3
4. Southern Cal	5-1	1,213	6
5. Cincinnati	6-0	1,163	8
6. Boise St.	6-0	1,156	5
7. Iowa	7-1	1,092	11
8. Miami	5-1	1,056	9
9. LSU	5-1	1,014	10
10. TCU	6-0	1,001	12
11. Ga. Tech	6-1	861	19
12. Oregon	5-1	849	13
13. Penn St.	6-1	753	14
14. Oklahoma St.	5-1	690	16
15. Virginia Tech	5-2	684	4
16. BYU	6-1	601	18
17. Houston	5-1	478	23
18. Ohio St.	5-2	373	7
19. Utah	5-1	350	24
20. Pittsburgh	6-1	330	—
21. Texas Tech	5-2	286	—
22. W. Virginia	5-1	205	—
23. S. Carolina	5-2	159	22
24. Kansas	5-1	120	17
25. Oklahoma	3-3	117	20

Others receiving votes: Notre Dame 61, Mississippi 59, South Florida 57, Nebraska 52, Michigan 41, Cent. Michigan 39, Arizona 25, California 9, Arkansas 8, Oregon St. 5, Idaho 4, Missouri 4, Navy 4, Wisconsin 4, Auburn 3, Boston College 3.

BCS rankings

	Harris Rk	Pts	Pct	USA Today Rk	Pts	Pct	Computer Rk	BCS Pct	Avg	Pv
1. Florida	1	2802	0.9832	1	1464	0.9925	1	0.990	0.9886	—
2. Alabama	2	2736	0.9600	2	1398	0.9478	2	0.950	0.9526	—
3. Texas	3	2661	0.9337	3	1386	0.9397	6	0.800	0.8911	—
4. BoiseSt.	5	2289	0.8032	5	1153	0.7817	5	0.840	0.8083	—
5. Cincinnati	6	2173	0.7625	6	1104	0.7485	4	0.850	0.7870	—
6. Iowa	7	2045	0.7175	8	1037	0.7031	3	0.940	0.7869	—
7. Southern Cal	4	2394	0.8400	4	1237	0.8386	11	0.630	0.7695	—
8. TCU	8	2015	0.7070	7	1069	0.7247	8	0.710	0.7139	—
9. LSU	9	1996	0.7004	10	995	0.6746	7	0.750	0.7083	—
10. Miami	10	1896	0.6653	9	998	0.6766	13	0.540	0.6273	—
11. Oregon	12	1577	0.5533	14	769	0.5214	9	0.680	0.5849	—
12. Georgia Tech	13	1489	0.5225	13	779	0.5281	10	0.660	0.5702	—
13. Penn St.	11	1620	0.5684	11	894	0.6061	17	0.320	0.4982	—
14. Virginia Tech	15	1278	0.4484	15	672	0.4556	12	0.580	0.4947	—
15. Oklahoma St.	14	1436	0.5039	12	795	0.5390	21	0.170	0.4043	—
16. BYU	16	1210	0.4246	16	577	0.3912	25	0.080	0.2986	—
17. Houston	18	834	0.2926	18	421	0.2854	18	0.220	0.2660	—
18. Utah	19	627	0.2200	20	300	0.2034	14	0.330	0.2511	—
19. Ohio St.	17	937	0.3288	17	481	0.3261	32	0.010	0.2216	—
20. Pittsburgh	20	545	0.1912	19	328	0.2224	20	0.190	0.2012	—
21. Wisconsin	38	18	0.0063	31	26	0.0176	t14	0.330	0.1180	—
22. Arizona	37	19	0.0067	40	7	0.0047	t14	0.330	0.1138	—
23. West Virginia	23	275	0.0965	22	188	0.1275	24	0.110	0.1113	—
24. S. Carolina	26	216	0.0758	23	142	0.0963	22	0.140	0.1040	—
25. Kansas	21	403	0.1414	21	222	0.1505	33	0.000	0.0973	—

Explanation Key
Team percentages are derived by dividing a team's actual voting points by a maximum 2850 possible points in the Harris Interactive Poll and 1500 possible points in the USA Today Coaches Poll.
Six computer rankings calculated in inverse points order (25 for No. 1, 24 for No. 2, etc.) are used to determine the overall computer component. The highest and lowest ranking for each team is dropped, and the remaining four are added and divided by 100 (the maximum possible points) to produce a Computer Rankings Percentage. The six computer ranking providers are Anderson & Hester, Richard Billingsley, Colley Matrix, Kenneth Massey, Jeff Sagarin, and Peter Wolfe. Each computer ranking accounts for schedule strength in its formula.
The BCS Average is calculated by averaging the percent totals of the Harris Interactive, USA Today Coaches and Computer polls.

PSAC football

West Division

	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
California	5	0	6	2
Edinboro	4	1	6	2
Clarion	4	1	5	3
Mercyhurst	3	2	4	4
Slippery Rock	2	3	5	3
Indiana	1	4	4	4
Gannon	1	4	3	5
Lock Haven	0	5	0	7

Saturday
California 38, Edinboro 14
Clarion 29, Mercyhurst 25
Gannon 51, Slippery Rock 48
Indiana 45, Lock Haven 0
Saturday
Noon - Edinboroa t Mercyhurst
1 p.m. - California at Slippery Rock; Indiana at Clarion; Lock Haven at Gannon

Cal U summary

Edinboro	**7**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**- 14**
California	**3**	**7**	**14**	**14**	**- 38**

California - FG, Domonkos (20).
Edinboro - Walker (17, pass from Harris) Romanias (kick)
Edinboro - Johnson (15, poass from Harris) Romanias (kick)
California - Portis (9, run) Domonkos (kick)
California - Brown (19, run) Domonkos (kick)
California - Brown(20, run) Domonkos (kick)
California - Bacco (1, run) Domonkos (kick)
California - Cherry (16, pass from Portis) Domonkos (kick)

Team statistics

	Edin	Cal
First downs	16	23
Yds rushing	59	268
Yds passing	191	177
Passes	20-36-0	10-16-0
Fumbles, lost	1-0	1-0
Punts, ave.	6-40	3-36
Penalties, yds	3-16	2-30

Individual statistics
Rushing
California - Brown, 21 for 148 yds, 2 tds; Portis, 8 for 81 yds, 1 td; Bacco, 10 for 34 yds, 1 td; Johnson, 2 for 4 yds; Anderson, 3 for 4 yds; Conwell, 1 for 1 yd; Wilson, 2 for 1 yd.
Edinboro - Bostic, 13 for 28 yds; Battles, 7 for 20 yds; Harris, 6 for 12 yds.
Passing
California - Portis, 10 of 16 for 177 yds, 1 td.
Edinboro - Harris, 20 of 36 for 191 yds, 2 tds.
Pass receiving
California - Jackson, 6 for 113 yds; Moore, 2 for 35 yds; Cherry, 2 for 29 yds.
Edinboro - Bostic, 6 for 36 yds; Johnson, 4 for 41 yds, 1 td; Brown, 4 for 34 yds; Walker, 2 for 26 yds, 1 td; Landis, 2 for 9 yds; Marino, 1 for 38 yds; Nolen, 1 for 7 yds.

Sports moves

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned F Kevin Porter to San Antonio (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned F Jamie McGinn and D Derek Joslin to Worcester (AHL).

Baseball playoffs

Sunday
Philadelphia 11, Los Angeles 0, Philadelphia leads series 2-1
Today
New York (Pettitte 14-8) at Los Angeles (Weaver 16-8), 4:13 p.m., New York leads series 2-0
Los Angeles (Wolf 11-7) at Philadelphia (Blanton 12-8), 8:07 p.m.
Tuesday
New York (Sabathia 19-8) at Los Angeles (Kazmir 10-9), 7:57 p.m.

NLCS boxscore

PHILADELPHIA	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss	4	0	0	0
Belliird 2b	4	0	1	0
Ethier rf	3	0	0	0
MRmrz lf	3	0	2	0
Kemp cf	3	0	0	0
Loney 1b	3	0	0	0
Blake 3b	3	0	0	0
Belisari p	0	0	0	0
RMartn c	3	0	0	0
Kuroda p	0	0	0	0
Elbert p	0	0	0	0
Bingsly p	1	0	0	0
OHudsn ph	1	0	0	0
Troncs p	0	0	0	0
Loretta 3b	1	0	0	0
Totals	**29**	**0**	**3**	**0**

LOS ANGELES	ab	r	h	bi
Rollins ss	5	1	1	1
Victorn cf	3	2	2	3
Utley 2b	4	1	2	0
Howard 1b	4	1	1	3
Werth rf	4	1	1	2
Ibanez lf	3	1	0	0
BFrncs lf	0	0	0	0
P.Feliz 3b	4	1	1	1
C.Ruiz c	3	2	2	1
Cl.Lee p	3	1	1	0
Durbin p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**11**	**11**	**11**

Los Angeles	**000**	**000**	**000 — 0**
Philadelphia	**420**	**020**	**03x — 11**

DP—Los Angeles 1, Philadelphia 1. LOB—Los Angeles 2, Philadelphia 6. 2B—Rollins (1), C.Ruiz (1). 3B—Howard (1), P.Feliz (1). HR—Victorino (1), Werth (1). SB—Victorino (1). S—Cl.Lee.

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kuroda L,0-1	1 1-3	6	6	6	0	1
Elbert	1-3	0	0	0	2	0
Billingsley	3 1-3	2	2	2	2	3
Troncoso	2	0	0	0	2	3
Belisario	1	3	3	3	1	0
Philadelphia				

SPORTS

Brady looks as good as ever

Patriots QB throws 6 touchdown passes in 59-0 victory.

By The Associated Press

Tom Brady finding his form could be bad news for the rest of the NFL.

A few other quarterbacks were at their Sunday best, too.

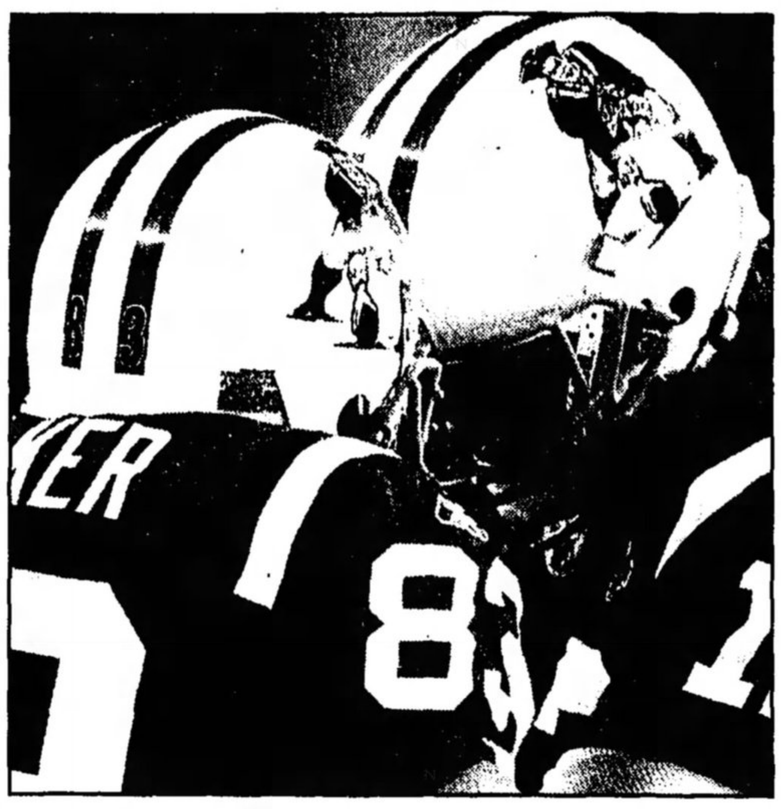
Brett Favre and Drew Brees helped their teams remain unbeaten. Ben Roethlisberger and Kurt Warner, who met in last season's Super Bowl, each won to put their teams into first-place ties.

Brady threw six touchdown passes — including an NFL-record five in one quarter — and the Patriots sent the Titans plummeting to a new low in their winless season with a 59-0 win on a snowy day in Foxborough.

Brady threw five scoring passes in the second quarter and the Patriots built the biggest halftime lead in league history, 45-0. The six touchdown throws tied Brady's own Patriots record. And the 59-point victory margin matched the league's largest since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970. The Los Angeles Rams beat the Atlanta Falcons by the same score in 1976.

"Every week we're learning something more about ourselves and what we can do," Brady said. "There's no doubt a game like this can give you a lot of confidence."

The Patriots (4-2) gained a club-record 619 yards, with Brady completing 29 of 34 passes for 380 yards and matching the number of scoring passes he totaled in his first five games. In 2007, he set an NFL record with 50 touchdown passes and was the league's MVP.



Associated Press

New England's Wes Welker, left, celebrates with Tom Brady after a second-quarter touchdown pass Sunday.

Sunday's performance was, by far, his best of an inconsistent comeback year after a knee injury ended his 2008 season in the opener.

"Back to his old self," said Wes Welker, who caught 10 passes for a career-high 150 yards and two touchdowns.

It was the worst game in what has become an increasingly terrible season for the Titans (0-6), who have lost their last three by 20, 22 and 59 points after going an NFL-best 13-3 last year.

It was Tennessee's worst loss since they began play in 1960 as the Houston Oilers, eclipsing a 61-7 setback against Cincinnati in 1989. They won their first 10 games last season.

"I don't think anybody in this league is 59 points better than us," tight end Bo Scaife said. "This is the worst it gets."

Vikings 33, Ravens 31

At Minneapolis, Brett Favre's 58-yard completion to Sidney Rice set up Ryan Longwell's fourth field goal, and Baltimore's Steve Hauschka missed a 44-yard field goal as time expired, allowing Minnesota to remain undefeated.

Favre threw for 278 yards and three touchdowns, but the Vikings (6-0) nearly blew this one when they let the Ravens erase a 17-point deficit with 10 minutes to play.

Joe Flacco threw for 385 yards and two touchdowns for the Ravens (3-3), who scored twice on drives that totaled just 56 seconds to take a 31-30 lead with 3:37 to play.

But Hauschka pushed his field goal wide left, giving the Ravens their third straight loss.

Saints 48, Giants 27

At New Orleans, Drew Brees ended his two-game streak without a touchdown throw by completing 23 of 30 passes for 369 yards and four scores, and the Saints easily remained unbeaten by torching the Giants' league-leading defense.

The Giants (5-1) came into the game giving up averages of 210.6 yards and 14.2 points. The Saints (5-0) had 34 points and 315 yards by halftime, as Brees threw three TD passes to reach 100 since the Saints signed him as a free agent in 2006.

Eli Manning was 14 of 31 for 178 yards. He lost his cool at least once, yelling at Ahmad Bradshaw and slapping his shoulder pad after the running back's lapse in protection precipitated a rushed throw that Jabari Greer intercepted early in the third quarter, stalling a promising drive.

Cardinals 27, Seahawks 3

At Seattle, Arizona moved into a tie for the NFC West lead as Kurt Warner completed 32 of 41 passes for 276 yards and two touchdowns.

Warner tied an NFL record as the fastest to throw for 30,000 yards in a career and Larry Fitzgerald tied his career high with 13 receptions for 100 yards and a touchdown.

The Cardinals (3-2) led 14-0 before Seattle's offense ran its first play 12 minutes into the first quarter.

Arizona's swarming defense held Seattle (2-4) to 128 yards and its fewest points in a home game since 2002.

Texans 28, Bengals 17

At Cincinnati, Matt Schaub tied his career high with four TD passes — two to tight end Owen Daniels — and Houston pulled away to deny the Bengals another chance to win one at the end.

The Bengals (4-2) had won three straight games in the last 22 seconds, pulling off one improbable drive after another. They had one more escape on Sunday — Steve Slaton fumbled with the Texans (3-3) in field-goal range with 6:12 left.

Not that Schaub left them much of a chance. He had his fourth 300-yard passing game of the season, smoothly picking apart a defense that lost its top pass rusher and a starting tackle in the first quarter. Schaub was 28 of 40 for 392 yards, the second-highest total of his career.

Raiders 13, Eagles 9

At Oakland, Calif., Louis Murphy threw two key blocks to spring Zach Miller's 86-yard touchdown catch, Justin Fargas ran for 87 yards and the Raiders' defense harassed Donovan McNabb all day.

The result was one of the more shocking ones so far this season as the Raiders (2-4) had lost three straight games by at least 20 points for the first time in franchise history and failed to reach 200 yards of offense the past four, while the Eagles (3-2) were second in the league in points per game.

Defensive coordinator John Marshall kept calling up blitzes in a change of strategy for Oakland and that helped lead to six sacks of McNabb and plenty more pressures.

Packers 26, Lions 0

At Green Bay, Wis., Aaron Rodgers got sacked five times but still managed to have a big day against Detroit's defense, throwing for 358 yards with two touchdowns.

Donald Driver became the franchise's career receptions leader with a first-quarter catch and rookie outside linebacker Clay Matthews III had two sacks as the Packers (3-2) turned in a dominant defensive effort against an undermanned Lions offense.

Detroit (1-5) was without rookie quarterback Matthew Stafford and wide receiver Calvin Johnson because of injuries — and it showed, as the Lions managed only 79 yards of total offense in the first half. Backup quarterback Daunte Culpepper hurt his hamstring in the third quarter and was replaced by third-stringer Drew Stanton.

Bills 16, Jets 13, OT

At East Rutherford, N.J., Rian Lindell kicked a 47-yard field goal with 2:44 left in overtime, making up for a miss at the end of regulation.

The Bills (2-4) took advantage of Mark Sanchez's fifth interception of the day to snap a three-game losing streak, and send the sputtering Jets (3-3) to their third straight loss.

Ryan Fitzpatrick stepped in ably for Trent Edwards, who left early in the second quarter with a concussion, helping the Bills overcome Thomas Jones' Jets franchise-record 210 yards rushing.

Lindell was wide right on a 46-yard attempt into the wind as regulation time expired, sending it to overtime.

Panthers 28, Buccaneers 21

At Tampa, Fla., DeAngelo Williams gained a season-best 152 yards on 30 carries and scored twice, including the winning TD with 29 seconds left. The 1-yard dive capped a 16-play, 80-yard drive that took more than 8 minutes.

The Panthers gained 267 yards and three touchdowns on the ground to win their second in row.

Carolina (2-3) squandered a 21-7 lead, giving up a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the third quarter and watching Tampa Bay (0-6) tie the game on Tanard Jackson's 26-yard interception return.

Chiefs 14, Redskins 6

At Landover, Md., Ryan Succop's four field goals, including the go-ahead 46-yarder with 3:36 to play, plus a last-minute safety were all the Chiefs needed.

They earned rookie coach Todd Haley his first win and Jim Zorn another week of questioning about the future of his job with the Redskins (2-4).

The Chiefs (1-5) had lost 28 of their past 30 and hadn't won since last November. The win avoided the first 0-6 start in team history.

Jaguars 23, Rams 20, OT

At Jacksonville, Fla., Torry Holt had 101 yards receiving in his first game against his former team, Maurice Jones-Drew ran for 133 yards and three touchdowns for the Jaguars.

Josh Scobee provided the winner, a 36-yard field goal with 8 minutes to play in the extra frame.

St. Louis (0-6) extended the NFL's longest current losing streak to 16 games. The Rams had two shots at snapping the skid. They took a 17-13 lead with 4:36 remaining on Leonard Little's 36-yard interception return for a score, but couldn't stop the Jaguars (3-3) on the ensuing drive.

Falcons 21, Bears 14

At Atlanta, Michael Turner scored the go-ahead touchdown on an otherwise forgettable night, powering over from 5 yards with 3:06 remaining, and the defense held at the end to preserve a victory.

Matt Ryan threw two touchdown passes for the Falcons (4-1), who matched the best five-game start in franchise history. The Bears (3-2) will surely be moaning about all the mistakes that helped end their three-game winning streak: a fumble at the 1, an interception at the 9 and a crucial penalty when they had fourth-and-1 at the Atlanta 5 with less than a minute to go.

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Arabian Fables (I)

How the Arabs soften up world opinion with fanciful myths.

Josef Goebbels, the infamous propaganda minister of the Nazis, had it right. Just tell people big lies often enough and they will believe them. The Arabs have learned that lesson well. They have swayed world opinion by endlessly repeating myths and lies that have no basis in fact.

What are the facts?

The "Palestinians." That is the fundamental myth. The reality is that the concept of "Palestinians" is one that did not exist until about 1948, when the Arab inhabitants of what until then was Palestine, wished to differentiate themselves from the Jews. Until then, the Jews were the Palestinians. There was the Palestinian Brigade of Jewish volunteers in the British World War II Army (at a time when the Palestinian Arabs were in Berlin hatching plans with Adolf Hitler for world conquest and how to kill all the Jews); there was the Palestinian Symphony Orchestra (all Jews, of course); there was The Palestine Post, and so much more.

The Arabs, who now call themselves "Palestinians," do so in order to persuade a misinformed world that they are a distinct nationality and that "Palestine" is their ancestral homeland. But, of course, they are no distinct nationality at all. They are entirely the same — in language, customs, and tribal ties — as the Arabs of Syria, Jordan, and beyond. There is no more difference between the "Palestinians" and the other Arabs of those countries than there is between, say, the citizens of Minnesota and of Wisconsin.

What's more, many of the "Palestinians," or their immediate ancestors, came to the area attracted by the prosperity created by the Jews, in what previously had been pretty much of a wasteland.

The nationhood of the "Palestinians" is a myth.

The "West Bank." Again, this is a concept that did not exist until 1948, when the army of the Kingdom of Transjordan, together with five other Arab armies, invaded the Jewish state of Israel, on the very day of its creation.

In what can almost be described as a Biblical miracle, the ragtag Jewish forces defeated the combined Arab might. But Transjordan stayed in possession of the territories of Judea and Samaria and part of the city of Jerusalem. The Jordanians promptly expelled all Jews from the area that they occupied, destroyed all Jewish institutions and houses of worship, used Jewish cemetery headstones to build military latrines, and renamed as "West Bank" what had been Judea and Samaria since time immemorial.

The attempt, quite successful, was to persuade an uninformed world that these territories were ancestral parts of the Jordanian Arab Kingdom (itself a very recent creation of British power diplomacy). Even after the total rout of the Arabs in the 1967 Six-Day War, in which the Jordanians were driven out of Judea/Samaria and of Jerusalem, they and the world continued to call this territory the "West Bank", a geographical concept that cannot be found on any except the most recent maps.

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The concept of the "West Bank" is a myth.

The "Occupied Territories." After the victorious Six-Day War, during which the Israeli army defeated the same cabal of Arabs that had invaded the country in 1948, Israel remained in possession of Judea/Samaria (now renamed "West Bank"), which the Jordanians had illegally occupied for 19 years; of the Gaza strip, which had been occupied by the Egyptians but which (hundreds of miles from Egypt proper) had never been part of their country; and of the Golan Heights, a plateau of about 400 square miles, which, though originally part of Palestine, had been ceded to Syria by British-French agreement.

The last sovereign in Judea/Samaria and in Gaza was the British mandatory power — and before it was the Ottoman Empire. All of Palestine, including what is now the Kingdom of Jordan, was, by the Balfour Declaration, destined to be the Jewish National Home. How then could the Israelis be "occupiers" in their own territory? Who would be the sovereign and who the rightful inhabitants?

The concept of "occupied territories" in reference to Judea/Samaria (often called the "West Bank") and Gaza is another of the many myths created by Arab propaganda.

Unable so far to destroy Israel on the battlefield — though they are feverishly preparing for their next assault — the Arabs are now trying to overcome and destroy Israel by their acknowledged "policy of stages". That policy is to get as much land as possible carved out of Israel "by peaceful and diplomatic" means, so as to make Israel indefensible and softened up for the final assault. The web of lies and myths that the Arab propaganda machine has created plays an important role in the unrelenting quest to destroy the State of Israel. What a shame that the world has accepted most of it!

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Being gracious to girlfriend challenges parents

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have always had a warm and close relationship with our college-age children. We often host their friends in our home, making certain they're comfortable, well-fed and welcome.

My son brought his girlfriend home for long weekends several times this year. Not once has she said thank you for meals, gifts or entertainment. When I asked her if the standing rib roast I had served was OK — it's my specialty — she said it wasn't cooked the way she likes it. She shows absolutely no interest in us, our home or the community in which our children grew up. She does offer to clear the table, but that's the extent of it. Upon leaving, she will say, "thanks." With the exception of one brief e-mail, we have never received a written note from her.

We love our son, and he may love her. But we're not eager to clean, shop for, cook and host this young lady again. If our son wants to bring her home for another holiday, what do you suggest we say or do? — **DISGUSTED IN SEATTLE**

DEAR DISGUSTED: While your feelings are understandable, and you may be tempted to tell your son what you have told me, bite your tongue. If you say anything negative about his girlfriend, it will make him defensive and his instinct will be to defend her.

It would not, however, be "attacking" her to gently share with him that you and his father were "disappointed" that you never received a thank-you note from his houseguest, and wonder if she was raised without having been taught the social graces.

If he's serious about her, he might clue her in. But if he doesn't, and he wants to bring her home for the holidays, I have the ideal gift for her — a book on etiquette.

DEAR ABBY: Last week my oldest daughter shocked me by informing me that her father had molested her and her sister many times when they were little. When I told her that I had known nothing about it, she screamed and called me a liar.

Abby, I was in great distress when my children were young. I didn't know what was going on. I divorced him when the two youngest were 5. He was an alcoholic and bipolar, in and out of jail and mental hospitals frequently. I would be in prison today had I known, because I would have killed him.

Now, 46 years later, I am asking your advice. Is there anything I can do to this child molester? He ruined both of our daughters' lives. My oldest has been drug and alcohol addicted for years. She is only now dealing with her addictions. He lives in a group home for bipolar people and often goes on rampages.

Please direct me to a resource for help. I have been in Al-Anon for 41 years and a born-again Christian for 37 years, which has helped me cope with the 19 years of hell my children and I have lived through. — **HOUSTON READER**

DEAR READER: Talk to your daughters and ask them to report to the police what happened to them. It would be a step in taking back control of their lives, and because their father may have done this more recently with other little girls, the police should know his history. While it may be too late to prosecute your ex-husband for what he did to his daughters, if he has continued molesting, it may not be too late to get him for something he has done more recently.

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MONDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 19, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (10) Two and a Half Men	How I Met Your Mother "Duel Citizenship" Road trip. (N)	Accidentally on Purpose "The Love Guru" Relationship advice. (N)	Two and a Half Men Jake is embarrassed. (N)	(:31) The Big Bang Theory Sheldon seeks revenge. (N)	CSI: Miami "Bad Seed" Stopping a deadly outbreak in Miami. (N)		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Jason Schwartzman; Angela Kinsey.		(3) (37) Extra (N) (7) (37) The Dr. Oz Show (10) (37) Paid Programming	(2) (10) (:07) Paid Programming	(2) (37) Paid Programming (7) (10) (37) Up to the Minute (N)
ABC	(4) Action News at 6 (23) Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight (23) Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars Celebrities and their dance partners perform. (Live)				(:02) Castle Castle's book agent approaches him with a career-changing opportunity. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Julie Bowen; Rumer Willis; The Used.	(4) (:06) Oprah Winfrey (23) (:06) Paid Programming		(23) (:36) RENO 911!	(:06) Paid Programming	(4) Action News at 11 (23) Paid Prog
NBC	(6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (9) News (N) (11) Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N) (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune	Heroes "Tabula Rasa" Sylar starts on a path to rediscover his true identity. (N)		Trauma "Stuck" Tyler and Boone respond to an explosion at a Chinese restaurant. (N)		The Jay Leno Show (N)		(6) WJAC-TV News (9) News (11) Ch. 11 News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Sienna Miller; Steve Schirripa.		(:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Tracy Morgan; Janary Jones; Neal Brennan.		(:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Stan Lee; Alex Alvarez.	(:05) Poker After Dark Taylor Caby; Cole South; Gabe Kaplan; David Benefield; Doyle Brunson; Eli Elezra.	
FOX	(4:00) MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. (Live)	(8) That '70s Show (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) My Name Is Earl (53) Seinfeld		House "Brave Heart" Police detective with a family history of sudden heart failure. (N) (PA)		Lie to Me "Honey" The Lightman Group questions a man suspected of killing his wife. (N)		(8) News (53) Channel 11 News	(8) (:35) My Name Is Earl Earl seeks advice.	(8) (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	(8) (:35) Seinfeld (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) Star Trek: The Next Generation (53) Frasier	(53) Paid Programming	(8) "Home Fries" (53) Paid Programming	(53) Paid Programming	(53) George Lopez "George Buys a Vow"	(53) Tyler Perry's House of Payne Malik baby-sits.
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ	Antiques Roadshow "San Antonio, Texas"		Latin Music USA Mexican-Americans create their own musical voice; Latin pop explosion. (N)				Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ	Smart Travels: Europe	Latin Music USA Mexican-Americans create their own musical voice; Latin pop explosion.			
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office	The Office	One Tree Hill "Deep Ocean Vast Sea" (N)		Gossip Girl "Enough About Eve" (N)		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody Raymond	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Roseanne "Busted"
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		★ "Road to Redemption" (2001, Action)			Love-Think.	Origins	Quick Study	Nwswtch	The Place for Miracles		All World	Focus 4		Gaither	Munroe
(59) WBGN	Punk'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		Eye Eye	RENO 911!	Laguna	RENO 911!	The FBI Files		Cheaters	Laguna	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	Paranormal	Paranormal	Criminal Minds		Intervention "Tom"		Intervention (N)		Extreme Paranormal		Medium P.I.	Paranormal	(12:01) Intervention "Tom"		(:01) Intervention		(:01) Extreme Paranormal	
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	Lincoln Heights (N)		Greek "Fight the Power"		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Lincoln Heights		Slim Jeans	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "Field of Dreams" (1989) Kevin Costner.				★★★★ "Rain Man" (1988) Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise.					(:45) Mad Men	"The Color Blue"		(11:47) ★★★ "Field of Dreams" (1989) Kevin Costner.				(:15) Mad Men	
ANPL	Untamed and Uncut		Raw Nature		SuperFetch	SuperFetch	Dogs 101		Animal Cops Houston (N)		SuperFetch	SuperFetch	Dogs 101		Animal Cops Houston		Raw Nature	
BBC	Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live				★ "The Inkwell" (1994) Larenz Tate, Joe Morton.				Pay It Off		The Mo'Nique Show		The Wendy Williams Show		"Dough Boys" (2009) Arlen Escarpeta, Cory Hardrict.			
BRAVO	Million Dollar Listing		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Million Dollar Listing (N)		Million Dollar Listing		Flipping Out		Million Dollar Listing		Flipping Out	
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition				Smarter	Smarter	Dallas Cheerleaders		Cheer	World's Strictest Parents		Smarter	Smarter	Crossroads		World's Strictest Parents		Cribs
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		The Business of Innovation		Biography on CNBC		The Entrepreneurs		Mad Money		Biography on CNBC		The Business of Innovation		Paid Prog	Foreclosure
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	Honeymoon	RENO 911!	Daily Show	Colbert	★★ "Waiting ..." (2005, Comedy) Ryan Reynolds.				Futurama	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Tosh.0	Girlfriend	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Atom TV
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Destroyed	Destroyed	U.S. Marshals: Falcon		U.S. Marshals: Falcon		Destroyed	Destroyed	U.S. Marshals: Falcon		U.S. Marshals: Falcon		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Zack & Cody	Wizards	Montana	"Minutemen" (2008) Jason Dolley.			Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	Lamas	Lamas	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	20 Most Shocking Unsolved Crimes				Girls	Girls	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Girls	Girls	The Soup	Wild Cop	Chelsea
ESPN	Monday Night Kickoff		Monday Night Countdown (Live)		NFL Football Denver Broncos at San Diego Chargers. (Live)							SportsCenter (Live)			NFL PrimeTime (N)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	NHRA Drag Racing		SportsCentury		Boxing		College Football 1997 Auburn at Louisiana State.				AWA Wrestling		American Gladiators		Boxing		Boxing	
ESPN2	NASCAR Now (Live)		30 for 30		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		E:60 (N)		SportsNation		Baseball	NFL Films	Football	
EWTN	Vatican	Theology	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Letter-Spirit	Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Paula's Best	Minute	Challenge		Good Eats	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Pens Rewind	Raw Tapes	College Football Mercyhurst at Clarion. (Taped)						Raw Tapes	Final Score	Jay Glazer	Final Score	Best Damn Top 50 Special		Final Score	Final Score	Premier League	
FX	★★ "Premonition" (2007, Suspense) Sandra Bullock.				★★ "Ghost Rider" (2007, Action) Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes, Wes Bentley.						★★ "The Omen" (2006, Horror) Liev Schreiber, Julia Stiles.					'70s Show	Homes	Paid Prog.
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	Learning	Lessons	The Golf Fix	Top 10	Big Break Disney Golf		Golf	Learning	The Golf Fix	Golf Central	Big Break Disney Golf		Golf	Learning	The Golf Fix	Golf
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	To Sell	Big Amazing	House	House	Property	Property	House	First Place	House	For Rent	Intervention	First Place	House	First Place	House	For Rent	Intervention	First Place
HIST	Modern Marvels "Axes"		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		I Know What I Saw				That's Impossible		(12:01) Modern Marvels		(:01) I Know What I Saw			
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Medium "Wicked Game"		"Sorority Wars" (2009, Comedy-Drama) Lucy Hale.				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Medium "Night of the Wolf"		Paid Prog.
MSNBC	The Ed Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Disaster	Parental	True Life "I'm on Adderall"		True Life		Gone Too Far "Amy"		Gone Too Far (N)		Gone Too Far		Real World-Road Rules		True Life Alcohol addiction.		Gone Too Far	
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	iCarly	SpongeBob	Malcolm	Malcolm	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Glenn Martin	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Malcolm	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	Roseanne	★★ "Mrs. Winterbourne" (1996) Shirley MacLaine, Ricki Lake.							★★ "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams.				The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show		Naughty Kitchen	
PCN	PCN Tours		PCN Call-In (Live)		PCN Primetime - pcntv.com				PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Late Night - pcntv.com				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	Your Mind	NightTalk		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog.	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed		UFC Fight Night				UFC Countdwn: Machida						Star Trek: Voyager	
SYFY	(4:00) ★★ "Carrie" (2002)		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		Monster (N)	Monster (N)	Voltron	Voltron	The X-Files		The X-Files "Nisei"	
TBS	Seinfeld	The Office	Name Is Earl	Pregame	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia Phillies. (Live)							MLB Post	Seinfeld	Sex and City	★★ "The Great Outdoors" (1988) Dan Aykroyd.			
TCM	NightCasa	★★ "Bedtime Story" (1941)			★★★★ "The L-Shaped Room" (1963) Leslie Caron.				(:15) ★★★ "The Doctor's Dilemma" (1958, Comedy)				★★★ "Gaby" (1956) Leslie Caron, John Kerr.				The Man With a Cloak"	
TLC	Dress	Dress	Little People	Little People	Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Ultimate Cake Off (N)		Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Ultimate Cake Off		Little People	Little People
TNT	Bones		Bones		Bones		The Closer "Elysian Fields"		The Closer "Time Bomb"		Raising the Bar	"Trust Me"	Raising the Bar		CSI: NY "Jamalot"		Cold Case "Rampage"	
TOON	"Billy & Mandy"		"Billy & Mandy: Wrath"		Scary Godmother: Revenge		Stoked	6TEEN	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	Stroker-Hoop	Awesome	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Bizarre World "Sulawesi"		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Madventures	Madventures	Bizarre World "Sulawesi"		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain	
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Bait Car (N)	Bait Car (N)	Worked	Worked	World's Dumbest...		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Murder by the Book	
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
USA	NCIS "Bikini Wax"		NCIS "Lost & Found"		NCIS		WWE Monday Night Raw (Live)				(:05) ★★★ "Casino Royale" (2006, Action) Daniel Craig, Eva Green.						(:05) "Collateral Damage"	
VH1	Reality Mom		My Antonio		Tool Academy		Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	Tool Academy		My Antonio		Real Chance of Love	
VS.	WEC WrekCage		NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks at New York Rangers. (Live)					Hockey	World Extreme Cagefighting				WEC WrekCage		World Extreme Cagefighting			
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Weddings	Weddings	Weddings	Weddings
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	(:10) ★★ "The Cowboy Way" (1994) Woody Harrelson.				★★★ "Bad Boys" (1995) Martin Lawrence.				★★ "Little Nicky" (2000) Adam Sandler.		(:35) ★★ "30 Days of Night" (2007) Josh Hartnett.				★★ "Hellbound: Hellraiser II" (1988)			
HBO	★★ "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor"				Real Time With Bill Maher		Schmatta: Rags to Riches to Rags (N)		Wanda Sykes: I'ma Be Me		★★★ "Wanted" (2008, Action) James McAvoy.					Curb-Enthsm	Cavemans	
MAX	(5:00) CB4	★★ "Good Advice" (2001)			★★ "Doomsday" (2008, Action) Rhona Mitra.				★★ "Mamma Mia!" (2008) Meryl Streep.		"Sex Games Cancun 2"				(:15) ★★ "Halloween II" (1981) Jamie Lee Curtis.			
SHOW	"Why Did I Get Married?"	2008 Beijing Summer Olympics						Dexter (ITV)	Californ	Californ	Dexter (ITV)		★★ "Beer League" (2006) Artie Lange.		★ "Fall" (1997) Eric Schaeffer. ITV.			
STARZ	(5:00) ★★ "Unbreakable"		(6:50) ★★ "Swing Vote" (2008) Kevin Costner.				★★ "Bedtime Stories" (2008)			(:45) ★★ "Made of Honor" (2008) Patrick Dempsey.				★★ "Unbreakable" (2000, Suspense) Bruce Willis.				Brideshd

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FEATURES

Frugal Living

Make your own kitchen compost pail

Sara **NOEL**

I'd never thought to make a large kitchen compost bucket. I reuse a plastic coffee canister. But if you'd like to make fewer trips to the backyard compost bin, this would work well. It's a great way to reuse a kitty-litter pail, too.

HOMEMADE COMPOSTER: On a few of the "green" sites, I saw cute little green kitchen compost pails and thought, "I can make that!"

1 empty kitty-litter pail (square with handle)
a drill
1 carbon filter made for litter boxes

Wash pail. Drill a circular pattern of holes through the lid. Keep the pattern of holes in the center. On the underside of the lid, hot glue on the carbon filter. Use small dots of glue so you can remove the filter after five months to be changed. There you go — instant kitchen compost pail! Mine works great, and it keeps the odors at bay until it's dumped into the compost pile outside. Paint it green or the color of your choice. Don't paint over the filter, though. — **Pam, Alabama**

HOMEMADE NAPKINS: Yesterday, I was at the local St. Vincent de Paul, and it had 30 white new pillowcases for $3, so I bought them. I figured I would find a useful idea for them. I now have more than 50 nice white napkins, and the scraps will be used for rags. And I still have more pillowcases that I will make into small tablecloths for the end tables. With the napkins, I'm going to set some aside and make nice monogrammed ones for my family to use during the holidays. Just a little idea. — **D. Marie, Oregon**

SLOW-COOKER BROTH: I prefer homemade chicken stock/broth to canned. It's cheaper, tastier and has less salt. I also don't like making broth on the stove. It's messy (boils over every time), you have to mind the pot, and it heats up the kitchen. So why not make it in the slow cooker? It works, and works well. For the broth/stock, I use either a chicken carcass from a roasted chicken or other parts, such as wing tips or bones from a chicken breast. Put your chicken in the slow cooker, and just add water if you're making broth. If you are making stock, add a quartered small onion, a stalk of celery cut into three pieces, whole peppercorns to taste (10 to 20), a bay leaf or two and 1/2 to 1 teaspoon thyme leaves (or fresh thyme sprigs if you have them).

Cover the contents with water. I fill mine to just below the ledge, where the lid sits. Turn the pot on high, and let it go all night. In the morning, you'll have a big pot of first-class chicken stock/broth. It freezes well in canning jars. I use my stock for risotto and soup. — **Christy, Texas**

MAKESHIFT INDOOR CLOTHESLINE: I use spring-loaded shower rods in the doorways, hang the clothes on hangers, and hang the hangers on the rods. — **Denise, Illinois**

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Do you know of someone who once lived in the Mon Valley, but moved on to forge a life elsewhere?

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: F equals Z

"GE EGU ZRN UIUP MPESGUM AG NSURH." - YEX ZEYHF "AH AN R PEXTZ PERM HZRH YURMN HE HZU ZUATZHN EK TPURHGUNN." - NUGUBR

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing." - Redd Foxx

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CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

■ Food/home entertaining party, Monessen Heritage Museum, 505 Donner Ave., Monessen, 2 p.m.

■ Free lunch, First Presbyterian Church, 501 Fayette Ave., Belle Vernon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Managing your Diabetes, Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township, 6 p.m.

■ Seniors for Safe Driving highway safety education program, Monessen Senior Center, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

■ "Bridging the Gap; Moving Beyond your Criminal Record" workshop, Westmoreland County Community Action Office, 422 Sixth St., the Dudas Building, Monessen, 1:30 p.m.

■ RESA Neighborhood Watch meeting, Stockdale Volunteer Fire Department, 7 p.m.

■ Member of state Rep. Peter J. Daley's office offers assistance with state forms and applications, Monongahela Senior Center, 10 a.m. to noon.

■ National Alliance for Mentally Ill meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7 to 9 p.m.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Knox Avenue, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Monessen Redevelopment Authority meeting, office, 1743 Grand Blvd., 6 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

ARC Mon Valley plans video night

ARC Mon Valley will have a Video Night 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Speers Borough Building.

Workshop-conference planned at Cal U

California University of Pennsylvania's Department of Art Education will conduct a workshop-conference "Journey to Learn: Making Connections" 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday in the Performance Center of the Natali Student Center. Admission is free and Act 48 credits are available. Jamie Kasper, Fine Arts and Humanities advisor for the Pennsylvania Department of Education, will speak at 10:45 a.m. For information or registration, call the Consortium for Public Education at (412) 678-9215 or the Arts Education Collaboration at (412) 201-7405.

Comedy show fundraiser set

The New Eagle Volunteer Fire Department will host a comedy show fundraiser Saturday at the social hall, 156 Chess St. Doors open at 8 p.m.; the show starts at 9 p.m. For advance tickets, call (724) 350-1763. For information, call (412) 592-5934. Proceeds of the event will be used to replace the ladder truck that was damaged during the Sept. 6 fire on Main Street in Monongahela.

Roast beef dinner set in Perryopolis

The United Methodist Church, 203 Independence St., Perryopolis, will host a family-style roast beef dinner 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday. Takeouts will be available. For information, call (724) 736-8854.

Monessen students to get free flu shots

The Monessen School District will offer free flu shots to students in grades K-12. The vaccine is for the seasonal flu only. Consent forms have been sent home with students. Parents should return the forms as soon as possible. For information, contact the school nurse for high or middle school students at (724) 684-7100 and for elementary students, call (724) 684-4456.

Halupki sale set in Monongahela

The Nativity of Virgin Mary Orthodox Church (St. Mary's) is holding an advance-orders only halupki sale Nov. 14. For orders, call (724) 258-4185 by Nov. 6. Pickups will be from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 14.

Halloween parade set in Monongahela

The Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its Halloween parade Oct. 28.

The Ringgold High School Marching Band will be featured. Entry forms for those wishing to participate in the judging are available at Dorothea's Boutique, Charleroi Federal Savings Bank, Davis Travel Agency or the Chamber Office at 211 Second Street. All entry forms should be returned to those respective locations by Oct. 26.

Individuals, groups, floats, mini-floats, scouts and schools wishing to be judged should submit a completed form by this date.

The mini float category must have one person on board. All vehicles in the parade must have a Halloween theme, or be pulling a float.

Strict limitations will be enforced along the parade route including: no political signs or banners, no dirt bikes, motorcycles or quads.

Preliminary judging will take place at the reviewing stand at Third and Main Street. To be eligible for prize money, you must report to the Aquatorium for final judging. Cash prizes will be awarded to finalists.

Line up will be at 6 p.m. at Chess Park. Parade begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. Monetary donations for the parade are now being accepted and may be mailed to the Monongahela Chamber office, 211 Second Street, Monongahela. For information, call (724) 258-5919.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Belle Vernon Goldenagers

The monthly meeting of the Belle Vernon Goldenagers was opened by Betty Savarino, chaplain, with a prayer, followed by the flag salute.

Pat Brown had the only birthday for October.

Lunch was served by Edith Forsythe, Edith Ferencz, Pat Mikula, Loretta Mitchner and Betty Maguire, assisted by Leo Potisek.

Rose Kander opened the meeting with Rose Delia reading the minutes followed by the treasurer's report.

The Christmas party will be held at the Center on the Hill Dec. 10, the regular meeting time.

Shirley Fugo announced the following trips: Nov. 4 - Pittsburgh Casino. Money should be in by Oct. 28; Dec. 2 - Meadows in Washington. Fugo announced that flyers for 2010 trips would be brought in and that day trips will require a $25 deposit. She also announced a trip is being planned in March, 2010, to the Pittsburgh Cabaret Theatre to see "Forever Plaid" More details will follow. Anyone interested can call Fugo at (724) 929-6659.

Door prizes were won by Leo Potisek, Don Mitchner, Evelyn Grabana, Frank Delia, Rose Delia, Mary Nagy, Pat Mikula, Pat Brown, Jim Savarino and Betty Savarino.

Servers for November will be Lydia Salvino, Pat Brown, Eleanor Duwall, Betty Savarino and Shirley Fugo.

Betty Savarino did some readings and Kander closed the meeting.

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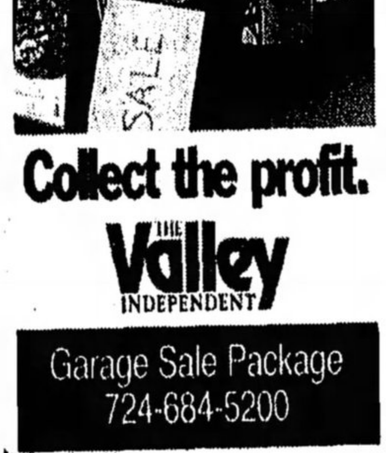

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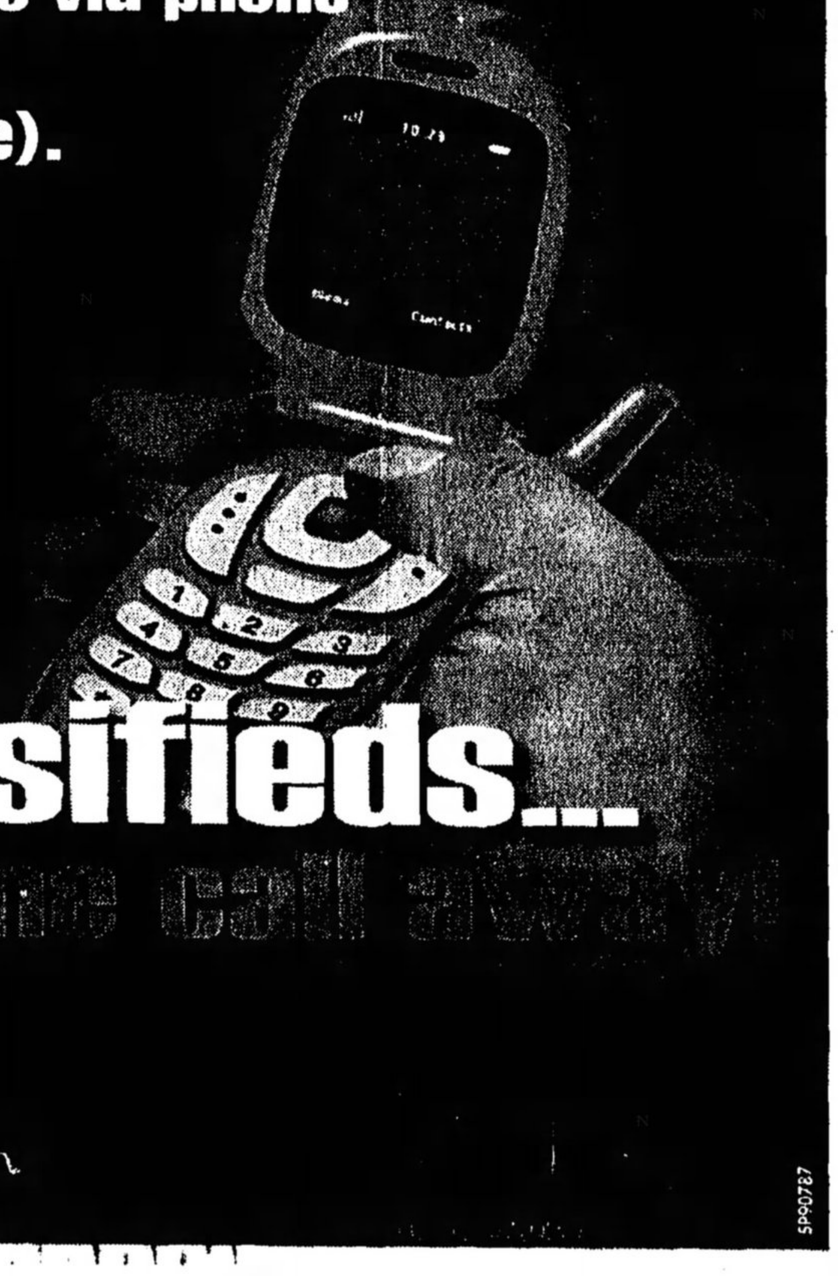

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Your Birthday
TUESDAY, OCT. 20, 2009

LIBRA
September 23 through October 23

A number of exciting happenings will be in the offing in the year ahead, such as a more active social life, including a romantic involvement for those who are unattached. Make the most of these pleasant months ahead.

LIBRA **(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- The best way to ensure personal happiness is to do everything you can for others to make certain that they are happy. In return, the joy you promote will quickly find its way back to you.

SCORPIO **(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Something that has caused trepidation recently looks as if it is running out of steam. A number of unexpected developments will be responsible for its demise, pleasing you very much.

SAGITTARIUS **(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Try not to get involved in mundane affairs and instead look for a change of pace. A fun activity with good friends could be just the ticket to refurbish your outlook.

CAPRICORN **(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Conditions pertaining to your material security look exceptionally promising. Lady Luck is likely to have her hand on the tiller, with a bountiful destination in mind.

AQUARIUS **(Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Successful methods and tactics that worked in the past can do so once again when adapted to your present affairs. Put them to work.

PISCES **(Feb. 20-March 20)** -- It will be good luck to reap rewards from seeds sown by another. This person wants you to be party to the success he or she has developed.

ARIES **(March 21-April 19)** -- Some of your greatest advantages will come through the quality relationships you have with others. Do your part by being warm and friendly to everyone, even those you meet for the first time.

TAURUS **(April 20-May 20)** -- One of your more ambitious objectives that you never thought had a chance could make headway toward success. It'll prove that you should never give up.

GEMINI **(May 21-June 20)** -- Strive to be bolder than usual when it comes to investment involvements you have with others -- without being foolish or taking any outlandish gambles. Big gains can be made.

CANCER **(June 21-July 22)** -- When it comes to a mutual interest, coordinate your efforts to the desires of another to the best of your ability. This action will substantially increase the possibilities for achieving success.

LEO **(July 23-Aug. 22)** -- It's a fortunate day to get what you want when your purposes are unselfish and in harmony with another's. Put it to the test.

VIRGO **(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- This is one of those days when you can garner far more than you ever imagined in meaningful financial matters. Give these issues top priority.

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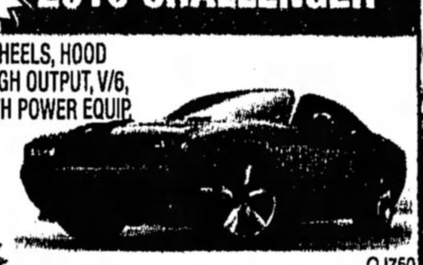

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